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CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1843

(Copy)

Charlotte, N.C.

April 5. 1842.

Sir,

We the undersigned being informed that it is charged against B.S. Gaither, Supt. of the Br. Mint at this place, that he resides 60 miles from Charlotte, we certify this charge is not correct. He resides here, & has been ever since his appointment to that office. His family resided here part of the year; since that they have resided in Rowan N.C. Mr. Gaither occasionally visits that place, by which no inconvenience whatever can occur to Depositors. We have regularly deposited bullion in the Mint, & have always received our gold coin promptly.

(Signed) A. B. Williams,
R. C. Carson,
Jas. A. Orr
C. E. Moss.
Leroy Springs.

From/

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

April 7. 1843.

Rec'd — 14. —

Mint of the U. States,
April 7. 1843.

Sir,

I send you enclosed, a statement of my account with you for the 1st quarter of 1843, with the proper vouchers, — showing a balance, April 1, to your credit, of $402. 93.

The slip from your melt No. 3, is reported by Mr. Eckfeldt to be 900. 2 Mt.

You communication of the 24th ult., ~~relative to the charge of non-residence~~ with the accompanying documents, was duly received, and has been transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, with a report from me on the subject.

R. M. P.
D.

To/
B. S. Gaither,
Supt. & Acting Treas. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P. S. We sent you, on the 30th ult., via Charleston, Five carboys Nitric acid.

Do/

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte, N.C.

April 7. 1843.

April 1843

(Copy.)

U. S. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C. 7 April, 1843.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose the within Certificate of Five of the principal Merchants in this place, who are regular dealers in gold Bullion, & depositors at this Mint, and are the only Merchants of this place who deal in gold bullion except Mr. W. W. Elmes, who is still absent, but I hazard nothing in saying that he would make the same statement with great pleasure. I shall not trouble you with any further testimony, but would be gratified that this Certificate, with the other testimony heretofore forwarded, could be placed on file in the Treasury Dept., when it can be referred to in future, as I cannot foresee when the efforts of malice will cease.

I have the honor to be

Very Respy,
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) B. S. Gaither,
Supt.

To)
Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint,
Philada.

(over)

Mint of the United States.
April 10th, 1843.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 1st & 4th of April.

I have already informed you that my report to the Secretary of the Treasury, with regard to the charges against you, had been forwarded to the Department. It shall now be followed by the additional vouchers which you have sent.

Your report for March is received; and I am glad to learn that you have been able to succeed in bringing so promptly into operation the recent act of Congress transferring the duties of Melter and Refiner from the Assayer to the Coiner.

I approve of your suggestion as to Mr. Ferris, since it seems to be essential for the success of Mr. Bolton in his new Department of duty.

hope, however, that the most punctilious care will be taken so to employ him in the refinery as not to interfere with his giving assistance to the Assayer, when required. I am exceedingly anxious that peace and good will should reign in your establishment, and it was to prevent the possibility of collision that I suggested the exclusive appropriation of one hand to the Assayer. Still I acknowledge that there is great force in your remarks respecting the employment of Ferris, when time cannot, I presume, be occupied in sufficiently the manly assisting the Assayer, and where services seem to be essential in the pursuing operations. I have no doubt, therefore, consent that Dr. Gilbert will not object to the arrangement which you propose, provided that punctilious care be taken so to employ Mr. Ferris in the refinery, as not to interfere with his services as assistant to the Assayer whenever they may be required. I would therefore so far withdraw my instructions on this point, as to authorize you to require the services of the Assayer's Assistant to aid the Crucible to aid in

the Refining, whenever they are not required in the Assay-room, — and that when this workman is then employed in the refining he be under the immediate orders of the Coiner.

R. M. D.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq
Supt. N. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

April 10. 1843.

Mint of the United States.
April 10th, 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith certain additional certificates, received by me this morning, from Col. B. L. Gaither, Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, and which have relation to to charges preferred against him for non-reduce &c., respecting which I made report to you on the 5th inst.

D. M. P.

To
Hon. John C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treasury.

To

Sec. of Treasury.

April 10. 1843.

Mint Mark

April 13/43.

Sir,

The Assay slips from the first melt of ingots made up by the new Acting Melter & Refiner has been twice ~~assayed~~ tested by our Assayers, with the following result.

Fine gold 911.5 Mm

Copper --- 5h.

Silver 43.5.

So that the report of your Assayer is fully confirmed.

In my letter of instructions of the 3d of March, I mentioned, that when the ~~new arrangement~~ transfer of the functions of Melter & Refiner should be made from the Assayer to the Coiner, the necessity of having the assays of the melts of ingots tested at this Mint would no longer exist. But as you have the immediate government of the ~~institution~~ Charlotte Branch under your charge, and have a corresponding responsibility extending to all its departments, it must follow I think that you have a right to use any proper means for satisfying yourself as to the accuracy and fidelity with which the operations if any of the officers

conducted. I think therefore that Dr. Gibbons was wrong in throwing any difficulty in the way, ~~of~~ when you showed the very natural desire to have a test assay of the first Melt made by Mr. Bottrell. It is quite true that the assay slips all belong to the Melter & Refiner's account; but all difficulty may be avoided, as heretofore, by crediting him with the ~~amount~~ weight of any assay slip sent on to this Mint. I hope, however, that you will find it but ~~rarely expedient to make such remittances~~ seldom requisite that such test assays be made.

In regard to ~~the~~ ~~rem~~ an observation made at the close of your letter, I have to remark that it has never been the practice at this Mint for the Assayer to return the assay pieces to the Treasurer. The Melter & Refiner ~~has been already~~ is charged with the whole ~~deposite~~ bullion from which the assay is taken, and his ~~a~~ account is not credited with the amount of the assay piece. ~~thus taken~~. It is temporarily in the keeping of the Assayer, but it still belongs to the account of the Melter, and is returned to him by the Assayer, ~~from time to time~~, without passing through the Treasurer's books, or the Treasurer's hands.

R. M. P.

D

To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supr. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/ B. J. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
April 13. 1843

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 14 April 1843.

Sir

I have not yet received your acknowledgement of the receipt of my reply, and the testimony forwarded, in the matter of the charge preferred against me to the President, and I did not intend troubling you with any further communication upon that subject, but have just learned that there is a secret move being made in a remote portion of this County, to get Certificates from obscure individuals — I have occasionally made deposites in this Mint, "that I have not been in the Mint, when they have made deposites."

This is a ruse, proceeding, as I believe from a certain clique in this Village, who will not stop at any thing to effect their purpose, and I shall not be surprized that they get some honest and unsuspecting men, to give them Certificates of this character. — It has been the usage of the Mint from its commencement, for the Clerk, to receive, weigh, and enter upon the Book, the Bullion of Depositors in the room he occupies, and my Office having no immediate connection with that room, it may very frequently occur, that I do not see the Depositor, nor is it necessary for his convenience that I should.

In the testimony I have sent you, I have confined myself to the statements of the Merchants dealers in gold bullion, Bank Officers and other Gentlemen of high character, who are in daily intercourse with me, and who are really interested in the prosperity of this Institution, and know all the facts connected with my residence and deportment here. — I have not deemed it necessary to procure the Certificate of every insignificant wretch about Town, and it may be that their statements may be taken and forwarded to yourself or the Treasury Department, I ask of you in case of a question of veracity

arising, that you give me the names and character of the testimony, and I will dispel all doubts — If it is at all desireable, I will get the late Member of Congress from an adjoining District to endorse the high character of the Gentlemen, whose Statements I have sent you. Delicacy forbids my calling upon the late Member from this District, for the reason that he is looked upon as an Applicant for the Office —

I have the honor to be

very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

B. S. Gaither

Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia

From/ B. S. Garther,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.
April 14. 1843.
Recd. — 20. —

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE
14
N.C.

Mint, U.S.
April 14/43

Sir,

I have the honor to send to you the inclosed letter and certificate, to be added to those already sent, on the subject of the charges made against B.S. Gaither Esq. Superintendent of the Charlotte Branch Mint, for non-residence, &c.

R.M.T. Hunter

To
Hon. J.C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Sec. of Treasury.

April 14. 1843.

Mint U. S.

April 19/43.

Sir,

Your letter of the 31st ult. was received by me on the 8th inst.

In the close of my correspondence with Mr. Gaither, relative to the case of Mr. Robinson, I say, (July 11, 1842,) ~~Let~~ after presenting my views of the matter, — ~~"I do not mean to interfere in this question by any specific instructions, and~~ "Let it be distinctly understood, however, that I do not mean to interfere in this question by any specific instructions, and that I consider it a matter for your discretion."

The case which you present is but an extension of the former, and I must certainly ~~not direct to~~ take, with my and to it, the same ground which I assumed before. If the Superintendent shall see proper to take the occasion of the recent change of duties to ~~charge~~ refund to you the payment which you made to Mr. Robinson, on your own responsibility, he has the full right to do so, and to him I must refer you.

R. M. P.

Dr. Wm. H. Gibbes,
Assayer Br. Mint
Charlotte

To

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbes,

Assayer Br. Mint,

Charlotte.

April 19. 1843.

U.S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.
1 May 1843

Sir,

I send by my assistant, Mr Ferris, who has obtained leave of absence from the Superintendant of this Mint, samples of the scraps remaining in my hands — each counter containing 12 ounces troy — As soon as I receive the result of their assay I shall be able finally to settle my accounts as Mother & Reform

I am respectfully
J H Gibbon
Assayer —

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Mt. Tenn. Philada.

Fund /

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon
Assayer of Bu. Mt.
Charlotte,
May 1 /43.

Rd. 11th.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. May 1843.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing the paper marked "A" which exhibits the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of April, and shows that more bullion has been received than in any one preceding Month, since the establishment of this Institution, and that a very large amount of Coin has been executed.

I am very much pleased with the manner in which Mr Bolton discharges his new duties, and I think he will get on very well. He informs me that he wishes one pair of Quarter Eagle Dies forwarded, as those he has are failing by cracking, and that as Melter & Refiner he wishes the following articles which you will please have forwarded at your earliest convenience

3 large stone ware precipitating Jars
100 lbs fine copper for alloy
2 Carboys sulphuric acid
1 Bbl small crucibles (say 5 to the nest)
250 circular fire brick for the melting furnaces
300 lbs Zinc for the Refinery &
One section of garden Hose.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S. Gardner
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
May 2/43.
Rec'd 8th.

May 1843

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the Charlotte Branch Mint during the Month of April 1843.

Kind of Bullion	Gross Weight after Melting	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	Stand.d Weight decs	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Amalgam & Pieces	62. 75	62.	366	1.160. 30	1.160. 30
Bar	6. 66	6.	822.	126. 92	126. 92
Amalgam	6. 10	6.	024	112. 08	112. 08
Do	217. 81	202.	688	3.770. 92	3.770. 92
Do	14. 34	14.	593	271. 50	271. 50
Do	10. 52	10.	590	197. 02	197. 02
Amalgam & Bars	22. 00	20.	802	387. 01	387. 01
Pieces & Amalgam	4. 29	4.	083	75. 96	75. 96
Bar	5. 83	5.	744	106. 86	106. 86
Do	7. 15	7.	077	131. 66	131. 66
Grains & Amalgam	13. 59	14.	762	274. 64	274. 64
Bar	6. 12	6.	500	120. 93	120. 93
Do	5. 55	5.	536	103. 00	103. 00
Do	16. 08	13.	400	249. 30	249. 30
Do	12. 05	10.	656	198. 25	198. 25
Do	8. 74	7.	380	137. 30	137. 30
Do	10. 08	10.	482.	195. 01	195. 01
Amalgam	11. 01	11.	921	221. 79	221. 79
Bar	12. 56	10.	842.	201. 71	201. 71
Do	28. 64	20.	365	378. 88	374. 76
Do	5. 25	4.	550	84. 65	84. 65
Do	27. 49	25.	197	468. 78	468. 78
Do	12. 11	10.	536	196. 02.	196. 02
Do	44. 88	36.	750	683. 72	677. 08
Pieces	9. 44	8.	693	161. 73	161. 73
Bar	5. 80	6.	198	115. 31	115. 31
Do	15. 47	16.	071	298. 99	298. 99
Do	24. 28	25.	431	473. 13.	473. 13
Amalgam & Bechtler Coins	30. 68	29.	874	555. 80	555. 80
Amalgam & Pieces	43. 60	44.	423.	826. 47	826. 47.
Amalgam	528. 94	493.	498	9. 181. 32.	9. 181. 32.
Carried forward	1.229. 81	1.153.	854	21.466. 96	21.456. 21.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the Charlotte Branch Mint during the Month of April 1843. Continued

Kind of Bullion	Weight after Melting	Stand. Weight Ozs. decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions		Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls. cts
Brought forward	1.229. 81	1.153. 854	21.466. 96	21.456. 20	1843.			
Bar	5. 78	5. 308	98. 75	98. 75	April	Half Eagles	3.852.	19.260.
Amalgam	8. 15	8. 221	152. 95	152. 95		Quarter Do.	2.988.	7.470.
Bar.	28. 13	27. 878	518. 66	518. 66.				
Do.	70. 90	74. 994	1.395. 23	1.395. 23				
Pieces & Bars	17. 30	14. 194	264. 07.	264. 07.				
Pieces	6. 11	5. 402.	100. 50	100. 50				
Bars.	66. 20	55. 092.	1.024. 97	1.015. 14.				
Pieces	11. 98	10. 527	195. 85	195. 85				
Do.	3. 72	3. 685	68. 56	68. 56				
Bar.	2. 61	2. 538	47. 22	47. 22				
Do.	10. 05	9. 937	184. 87	184. 87				
Do.	6. 99	6. 615	123. 07	123. 07				
Do.	26. 35	24. 126	448. 86	448. 86				
Amalgam	101. 19	109. 872.	2.044. 13	2.044. 13				
Bars.	14. 37	14. 743.	274. 29	274. 29				
Do.	5. 53	5. 448	101. 36	101. 36				
Do.	19. 13.	18. 534	344. 82.	344. 82.				
Amalgam.	172. 55	179. 834	3.345. 75	3.345. 75.				
	1.806. 85	1.730. 802.	32.200. 87	32.180. 09			6.840.	26.730.

Mint U.S.
May 9/43.

Sir,

I ~~have~~ taken the liberty to send to you by the present mail a package containing a pair of dies for the Branch Mint at Charlotte, and so endorsed on the inner envelope, which I pray you to cause to be forwarded under your frank as heretofore.

R. M. P.
D

To/
Hon Geo. C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treasury.

Sec. of Treasury.

May 9/43.

May 1843

Mint Clerk

May 9/43.

Sir,

I send ~~to-day~~ you to day, under ~~cover~~ to the frank of the Secretary of the Treasury, a pair of gratuity-eagle dies, applied for in your letter of the 2d inst. of which I acknowledge the receipt.

I am happy to learn that the new arrangement of functions of the Assayer & Coiner is working so much to your satisfaction. — Your report for April is very satisfactory.

Mr. Dunning (my Clerk) is ~~at present~~ now absent, — but will attend to your commissions on his return, which I expect daily.

R. M. P.

Jr

B. S. Gaither Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

To B. S. Gaither, Esq
Asst. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
May 9/43.

Mint U.S.
May 15/43.

Sir,

Your assistant, Mr. Torres, brought to me the samples of sweeps mentioned in your letter of the 1st inst., and I have caused them to be assayed. The following is the report made to me.

"The sweep weight 0.75 oz. less than 24 oz. Troy. — A sample of 5 oz. was taken from each cannister, and worked separately, producing buttons ~~and~~ of corresponding weights. These were assayed, and were found to make the sweep of the value of $1 per Cwt. in silver, and of $1.96 per Cwt. in gold; and consequently the total value $2.96 per Cwt."

You see, from this result, that the sweep is too poor to pay the expense of smelting.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. P.

Dr.

To/ Dr. John H. Gibbon,
Assayer of Branch Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

For

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Asp. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

May 15/43.

Treasury Department
May 22. 1843.

Sir

I have to state for your information that Green W. Caldwell Esq. has been appointed by the President, Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N. Carolina in the place of B. S. Gaither Esq.

Your letter accompanying the case of Coins to be taken by Mr. Cushing as a present to the Emperor of China has been referred to the Department of State that the cost of the Coins may be defrayed, if it can be done out of some fund under the Control of that Department.

I am very Resp.y.

J. C. Spencer
Sec.y of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philad.a

From/ Sec. of Treasury,
May 22. 1824.
Rec'd. — 24. —

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 26th May 1843.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, through the address of the Secretary of the Treasury, of two Quarter Eagle Dies, one head and one tail.

I must request that you cause to be forwarded 12 carboys of nitric acid, and one dozen memorandum books for the calculation of assays, small blank books, one half of which I would prefer ruled with the dollar & cent lines, and the other plain ruling.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From/ B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

May 26. 1843.

Rec'd. — 31. —

Mint U.S.
May 31 / 43.

Sir,

In compliance with instructions from the Treasury Department, I have to request that you take measures to increase, as far as practicable, the coinage of quarter-eagles, and diminish that of half-eagles."

R. M. P.

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S.— I learn from Washington that Green W. Caldwell Esq. has been appointed Superintendent in your place. I know nothing of the circumstances.

To/

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte.

May 31. 1843.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 2d June 1843.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose the paper marked A. exhibiting the operations of this Branch of the Mint, during the Months of May, and showing the same to be in a prosperous condition.

I have learned that I am to be superseded as Superintendent by the Hon.ble G. W. Caldwell, and in this my last Official communication to you, I hope, you will not consider me indelicate, in expressing the profound respect that our Official intercourse has inspired for your character, as a public Officer, and private Gentleman.

I shall return to Morgantown, and be happy at any time to be of service to yourself or your Friends.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 2. 1843.

Rec'd " 7. "

Mary Reports

June 1843

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the Branch Mint in Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of May 1843.

Kind of Bullion	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dwts.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Val: after Deductions	
Bars.	71.	32	70.	613	1.313.	73	1.313.	02
Do	15.	18	13.	155	244.	74	244.	74
Grains + Amalgam	14.	68	13.	490	250.	98	250.	98
Bar	17.	60	17.	443	324.	52	324.	52
Amalgam	23.	10	23.	182	431.	29	431.	29
Do	11.	51	10.	046	186.	90	186.	90
Do	37.	59	34.	787	647.	19	647.	19
Bars	16.	89	17.	168	319.	40	319.	40
Do	8.	95	6.	731	125.	23.	125.	23.
Amalgam	4.	60	4.	307	80.	13	80.	13
Amalgam + Pieces	7.	03	7.	154	133.	10	133.	10
Bar	16.	63	14.	725	273.	95	273.	95
Amalgam	5.	25	5.	150	95.	81	95.	81
Bars	39.	53	36.	001	669.	78	669.	78
Bar + Amalgam	17.	14	17.	340	322.	60	322.	60
Amalgam + Grains	6.	06	6.	274	116.	72	116.	72
Amalgam + Bars.	25.	75	25.	387	472.	31	472.	31
Bars.	820.	30	822.	584	15.303.	88	15.297.	15.
Do	22.	16	24.	324	452.	54	452.	54
Amalgam	34.	08	35.	707	664.	32.	664.	32
Bar	39.	50	28.	220	525.	02.	519.	32
Amalgam.	13.	88	14.	002.	260.	50	260.	50.
	1.268.	73	1.247.	790	23.214.	64	23.201.	50.

1843.
May

Coinage Denominations	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
Half Eagles.	7.388	36.940.	
	7.388.	36.940.	

Charlotte N.C. 11 June 1843

Sir

I require a carboy of pure acid for assays as early as it can be obtained

As the new Superintendent has not yet entered upon his duties & Mr. Gaither declines to make the requisition, I address it directly to you.

Very respectfully

J. H. Littlejohn
Assayer.

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

(Form)

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
June 11/43.

Recd. June 19(?), 1843.

Branch Mint
Charlotte 14th June 1843

Sir

When I had the honor to write to you, on the 2d Instant, I supposed that my communication would close our official intercourse, but at the request of Mr Ferres, I am induced to write to you again. During the month of May, Mr Ferres was absent from the service of the Mint, on a visite to your City and I refused to pay him wages for that month. He is dissatisfied with my decission and wishes me to leave the question, in such a situation, that my successor can act upon it, under your instructions.

As I have been compelled to act upon this matter, after knowing that I was to be superseded in office and improper motives, might be assigned for my course, I have resolved, to report the facts to you and leave the question open, but I must not be understood as changing or revising my original determination, so far as my opinion is involved.

I have the honor to be
yours, with my great respect
B. S. Gaither Supt

To Dr. R. Patterson
Philadelphia

From/ B. S. Gaither Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
June 14. 1848.
Rec'd. " 23. "

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 18th June 1843.

Sir

Having been recently appointed by the President, Superintendent of the Branch Mint in this place, I have the honor to inform you that on yesterday I received possession of all the precious metals and public property belonging to the Mint, entered upon the discharge of my duties, and enclose my Official Bond for your approval.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

G. W. Caldwell Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/
Geo. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 16. 1874.

Rec'd " 22. "

Bill lading, June 17/43, — Sch. Emma,
Capt. Bancroft, — 14 Carboys Acid (on Deck.)
for Br. Mint at Charlotte, N.C.

To/

J. S. Chambers, Esq.

Charlestown, S. C.

June 29/43.

Mint Office
June 22, 1843.

Sir,

I have the honor to send, enclosed herewith, the official bond of Green W. Caldwell Esq., Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, on which I have ~~endorsed~~ transmitted a certificate of my approval, as required by the Branch Mint Act of March 3, 1835.

R. M. P.

To
Hon. John C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Treasury,

June 22. 1824.

Mint of the U. S.
June 22. 1843.

Sir,

I received this morning your official bond as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, & have transmitted it to the Sec. of the Treasury, with a certificate that I have found it very satisfactory.

I shall be always very happy to hear from you, & hope that you will write to me fully & freely with regard to the business of the institution now committed to your immediate charge.

R. M. P.
Director.

To
Green W. Caldwell, Esq,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/ Green W. Caldwell, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 22. 1843.

U. S. Branch Mint

Charlotte N.C. 23d June 1843

Sir

There appears to be an impression among the Officers of this Mint, that some of the orders of my Predecessor for materials for the use of the Mint have not been complyed, but to what extent they are unaware, and as I cannot just at this moment lay my hands upon the correspondence embracing the subject, I would respectfully suggest that any orders that have not been completed, should remain as they are, and that you would cause to be forwarded at your earliest convenience the following articles which I am informed we stand much in need of at this time.

12 Carboys nitric acid for Refinery
2 " Sulphuric acid
1 " pure acid for assay (ordered a day or two ago by Dr Gilbon)
3 large stone ware precipitating Jars.
100 lbs fine copper for alloy
1 Bbl small sand crucibly (say five to the nest)
250 circular Fire Bricks for melting Furnaces
300 lbs Zinc for the Refinery
One section Garden Hose
1 Cast black lead pots Nos 30 and covers to suit
100 lbs Salt petre.

When any or all of the above articles are shipped for Charleston, I would thank you to advise me of the same, in order that their receipt here may be ascertained.

Inclosed you will find two orders from Dr Gaither

One for $5, in favor of Mr. Eckfeldt, to pay for the copy sent to him of the Book on Coins, and the other for $397.93 in my favor, for which you will please to give me credit, and retain in your hands to meet the expenses of this Mint in your City for materials &c.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE
N.C.

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Jan 23/43.
Rd. 29th.

Charlotte Br Mint
24th June 1843.

Sir

The within Drafts which I now transmit to you were accidentally omitted to be enclosed in mine of yesterdays date.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

G. M. Caldwell
Superintendent

843
Adams

Branch Mint

$397 93 Charlotte 15 June 1843

At sight please pay to the order of Green W. Caldwell Three Hundred and Ninety Seven Dollars and Ninety three cents and Charge the same to me

Dr R M Patterson B. S. Gaither

Philadelphia

Branch Mint

$5- Charlotte 15 June 1843

At sight please pay to the order of Adam Eckfeldt Five Dollars and Charge the same to me

Dr R M Patterson B. S. Gaither

Philadelphia

Firm/
G. W. Caldwell, Esqr.
Supt. Bo. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
June 24/43.
Rec. 30th

Do. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE N.C.
JUN 23

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 1 July 1843.

Sir

I have the honor to report the proceedings of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of June last.

The paper marked A, will show the Amount and Kinds of Bullion received, and the Amount of Coinage. It will also show the different amounts received up to and since the 15 June, the day on which I had the honor of entering upon the discharge of the duties of Superintendent of this Branch Mint.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

From

G. W. Caldwell

Asst. Br. Asst.

Charlotte, N. C.

July 1/43.

Rec'd 8th.

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion rec.d and Gold Coinage executed at the Branch Mint of the U. States at Charlotte N.C. for the month of June 1843.

Kinds of Bullion	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions	1843.	Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls. cts
Amalgam	7. 45	6.	911	128. 58	128. 58				
Bar	24. 50	24.	608	457. 82	457. 82	June 19.	Half Eagles	2.819	14.095.
Bars & Amalgam	2. 08	2.	235	41. 60	41. 60	30	Quarter Eagles	5.736	14.340.
Bars	24. 17	21.	340	397. 02	397. 02				
Amalgam	6. 50	6.	896	128. 30	128. 30				
Bars	9. 45	8.	682	161. 52	161. 52				
Do.	56. 35	47.	020	874. 80	866. 43.				
Amalgam	119. 15	124.	046	2.307. 83	2.307. 83.				
Bars & Amalgam	14. 60	13.	788	256. 52.	256. 52.				
To 15 June 1843	264. 25	255.	526	4.753. 99	4.745. 62				
Bars	19. 75	20	101	373. 97	373. 97				
Do.	6. 02	5.	451	101. 41	101. 41				
Do	8. 10	8.	018	149. 17	149. 17				
Do	57. 84	62.	981	1.171. 75	1.171. 75				
Do	11. 65	12.	412.	230. 92	230. 92				
Do.	7. 23	6.	858	127. 60	127. 60				
Do.	5. 22	4.	088	76 05	76 05				
Amalgam	207. 14	195.	638	3.639. 77	3.639. 77.				
Amalgam & Bars	61. 99	58.	721	1.092. 49	1.092. 49				
Amalgam	5. 82	5.	838	108. 61	108. 61				
Bar	6. 34	5.	451	101. 41	101. 41				
Bars & grains	19. 34	19.	384	360. 62.	360 62.				
Amalgam	6 05	6.	566	122. 16	122 16				
Bar	12. 51	13.	093	243. 60	243. 60				
Bars	55. 71	60.	357	1.122. 92	1.122. 92				
Do.	64. 75	69.	568	1.294. 29	1.294. 29				
Do.	27. 95	28.	556	531. 26	531. 26				
Amalgam & pieces	14. 96	13.	578	252. 61	252. 61				
Pieces & Amalgam	5. 25	4.	812	89 52	89. 52				
Do	4 95	5.	135	95. 53.	95. 53.				
Bars & Amalgam	95. 84	72.	463	1.348. 14	1.340. 92				
	1.068. 86	934.	595.	17.387. 79	17.372. 20.			8.555	28.435.

Mint of the United States.
July 1, 1843.

Sir,

~~I think~~ I have duly received your letters of the 23d & 24th. ~~and made immediate~~ I have made inquiry as to the orders which had been sent for articles for your Mint, and which you had not received. — Mr. Dunning, (my Clerk, who has charge of these matters,) informs me that the 12 carboys of nitric & 2 of sulphuric acid have been shipped, and that the other articles have been ordered, and the some of them are ready for shipment. They will not be neglected.

The accounts ~~with~~ between me and the Treasurer of the Charlotte Mint, for the quarter which ~~has just closed~~ ended yesterday, have been closed, and the balance in your favor is the same as at the last settlement, viz. $402.93, corresponding in amount to the two drafts of Mr. Gaither.

R. M. P.
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To
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
July 1/43.

July 1843

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 2d. August 1843.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing you the Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of July last, by which you will perceive, we have received a much larger amount of Bullion than in any preceding Month since the establishment of the Mint, and have carried out the wishes of the Secretary of the Treasury in coining Quarter Eagles entirely.

On Saturday last we received 14 Carboys of acid for the Refinery — but are completely out of pure acid for assays — not having enough to make a single assay with. If the acid Irequested to be sent in my letter of 23d. June has not yet been shipped, be pleased to despatch it immediately, as we are completely at a stand still, not being able to assay Deposits when presented, nor Ingots when prepared for Coinage.

I am very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/ G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
Aug. 2. 1843.
Rec'd. — 8. —

August
1843

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca. during the Month of July 1843.

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting Ozs.	Decs.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	decs.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	5.	29	5.	142	95.	66	95.	66
Do.	95.	65	97.	205	1.808.	46	1.808.	46
Do.	9.	85	10.	287	191.	39	191.	39
Do	7.	64	6.	942	129.	15	129.	15
Amalgam	6.	04	6.	361	118.	34	118.	34
Do	13.	05	12.	005	223.	35	223.	35
Do.	8.	17	8.	331	155.	00	155.	00
Do.	13.	30	13.	328	247.	96	247.	96
Bar	32.	59	32.	986	613.	69	613.	69
Do	8.	37	6.	044	112.	44	112.	44
Amalgam & Bars	724.	29	678.	183	12.617.	30	12.607.	46
Bar	63.	55	52.	745	981.	30	971.	27
Do	20.	23	21.	049	391.	61	391.	61
Do.	13.	34	12.	285	228.	56	228.	56
Amalgam	13.	70	13.	318	247.	77	247.	77
Bars	18.	94	18.	364	341.	28	341.	28
Do	7.	07	5.	937	110.	45	110.	45
Amalgam	77.	60	81.	048	1.507.	86	1.507.	86
Bar & grains	5.	27	5.	222	97.	15	97.	15
Bars	5.	14	4.	596	85.	50	85.	50
Do	84.	03	82.	348	1.532.	05	1.532.	05
Do	329.	79	316.	565	5.889.	58	5.882.	04
Do	6.	98	6.	204	115.	42	115.	42
Amalgam	37.	00	36.	243	674.	28	674.	28
Bars	28.	26	24.	360	453.	21	453.	21
Do.	24.	33	21.	544	400.	82	400.	82
Amalgam	5.	60	6.	060	112.	74	112.	74
Bar & piece	10.	07	10.	605	197.	30	197.	30
Pieces	5.	45	5.	740	106.	79	106.	79
Amalgam	308.	25	291.	056	5.415.	00	5.402.	00
Carried forward	1.988.	84	1.892.	103	35.201.	41	35.161.	00

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of July 1843. (Continued)

Description of Bullion	Weight after melting Ozs.	dec.s	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Am.t brought forward	1.988.	84	1.892.	103	35.201.	41.	35.161.	00
Amalgam & Bars	66.	80	65.	164	1.212.	35	1.212.	35
Pieces	3.	64	3.	902	72.	60	72.	60
Amalgam	16.	40	15.	615	290.	51	290.	51
Bar	7.	64	6.	347	118.	08	118.	08
Amalgam	81.	55	88.	115	1.639.	35	1.639.	35
D.o	9.	02	9.	330	173.	58	173.	58
Pieces & Amalgam	8.	95	7.	586	141.	14	141.	14
Bar	10.	39	10.	365	192.	84	192.	84
D.o	24.	28	23.	334	434.	12	434.	12
Pieces & Amalgam	9.	13	8.	966	166.	80	166.	80
	2.226.	64	2.130.	827	39.642.	78	39.602.	37

Coinage 1843	Denomination	No of Pieces	Value Dolls.
July 25	Quarter Eagles	6.570.	16.425.
		6.570.	16.425.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 7 August 1843

Sir

Mr Springs a Merchant of this place, being on a visit to some of the Northern Cities, has been kind enough to take charge of some of the Silver Bullion of this Mint for the purpose of assay and being returned in Coin. I have sent 893 75/100 Ounces which is all that could be spared from the operations of the Melter & Refiner at this time, and which was returned by the late Melter & Refiner, and reported by him as Assayed to be 996 ‰ fine, Melting 989 082/100 Ounces Stan.d Value $1150.93.

Mr Springs on his return home will call for the Coin, which you will be pleased to remit by him in Dimes ½ Dimes and ¼ Dollars. say $500 worth of Dimes, $584 Dollars ½ Dimes and the balance $150 in Quarter Dollars.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
G. W. Ashwell
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N. C.
Aug 7/43.
Rec. 1906

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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 4 Septr. 1843.

Sir

Mr. Caldwell has been very sick for the last Month, and although now in a state of convalescence, is still too weak to attend much to business, I have therefore the honor of enclosing you the paper marked A, being an Exhibit of the Amount of Bullion received and Coinage executed at this Branch of the Mint for the Month of August.

We have received all the articles which were requested to be sent, with the exception of 3 large stone ware precipitating Jars, One cask of black lead pot covers, suitable for No. 30, & One section of Garden Hose, which the Melter & Refiner informs me he stands very much in need of. He also requests that 12 carboys of nitric acid and 300 lbs of Zinc be forwarded at your convenience, as the operations in the Refinery are so constant, that the supply on hand will not be sufficient to carry us further than the 1st of January next.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. F. Strange CCK

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
W. F. Strong,
Clerk of Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Sep. 4, 1843.
Rec'd 11th.

September 1843

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of August 1843.

Kind of Bullion	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dees.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	7.	07.	7.	093.	131.	96	131.	96
Bars	50.	43.	31.	545.	586.	88	579.	42.
Grains & Bars	5.	74	5.	713	106.	30	106.	30
Bars	22.	98	23.	723.	441.	35	441.	35
Grains	6.	00	6.	366.	118.	44.	118.	44
Amalgam	6.	10	5.	617.	104.	50	104.	50
Bar	14.	29	13.	336	248.	11.	248.	11
Bars	25.	77	25.	639	477.	00	477.	00
Amalgam	7.	58	7.	916	147.	27.	147.	27.
Grains Amalgam & Bars	120.	93	127.	312.	2.	368. 60	2.	368. 60
Bars	39.	22	32.	028	595.	87.	589.	74
Bar	4.	25	3.	984	74.	12.	74.	12
Amalgam	10.	35	10.	810	201.	12.	201.	12
Bars & Amalgam	12.	36	12.	520	232.	94	232.	94
Bars	86.	90	74.	092	1.	378. 47	1.	367. 97.
Amalgam	9.	85	10.	013	186.	30	186.	30
Do	20.	55	18.	380	341.	95	341.	95
Bar	5.	37	5.	488	102.	10	102.	10
Amalgam	11.	00	11.	415	212.	38	212.	38
Do	7.	90	8.	321	154.	81	154.	81
Bar	7.	10	6.	271	116.	67	116.	67.
Do	13.	92	14.	413.	268.	15	268.	15
Bar & Amalgam	6.	38	5.	386.	100.	21	100.	21
Bar	5.	13	5.	487	102.	08	102.	08
Amalgam	15.	57	15.	879.	295.	42.	295.	42.
Bars	8.	09	7.	437.	138.	37	138.	37.
Do	49.	85.	38.	772.	721.	34	713.	63
Do	9.	67	9.	166	170.	53.	170.	53
Do	9.	60	9.	866	183.	55.	183.	55
Bar & Amalgam	27.	93.	28.	382.	528.	04	528.	04
Carried forwd	630.	88.	582.	370	10.	834. 83	10.	803. 03.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca during the Month of August 1843.

Kind of Bullion	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dees.	Stan.d Weight Ozs	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions			Coinage Denomination	No of Pieces	Value Dolls.	As
Amount brought forw.d	630.	88	582.	370	10.834.	83.	10.803.	03	1843				
Bar,	5.	70	5.	927	110.	27	110.	27.	August	Quarter Eagles	2.089.	5.222.	50
Do.	4.	40	4.	497	83.	63	83.	63		Half Do.	4.667.	23.335.	
Amalgam	123.	72.	125.	793	2.340	33	2340.	33					
Bars & Amalgam	121.	50	131.	624	2.448	82.	2.448.	82.					
	886.	20	850.	211.	15.817.	88	15.786.	08.			6.756.	28.557.	50

Mint of the U States
Sep 9 1843

Sir,

I wait on you with Bill Lading for five Boxes Capels pr Brig Paul T. Jones say Nos 1 & 2 for Br Mint at Charlotte N C and Nos 3, 4 & 5 for Br Mint at Dahlonga Geo which please forward

Respy Yours &c

To
Mr J. S. Chambers
Charleston S.C.

To Mr. J. C. Chambers

Charleston S.C.

July 9. 1863

Bill Lading N. for

5 Bales Carpets for

Charlotte & Dahlonega

Mint of the U. States
Sept 11. 1845

Sir,

By a letter from Mr. Strange, of the 4th inst.
I regret to learn that you have been confined by sickness,
as you are reported to be convalescent however,
I hope that this letter may find you recovered.

Your Report for August is duly rec.

My Clerk Mr. Dunning, who has the Special
charge of the purchases for the Br Mints,
is at present away from the City, but
I expect him back in three or four days,
when the wants mentioned in Mr Strange's
letter shall be immediately attended to.

A circular from the Register of the
Treasury calls upon me for the usual estimates
for the Mint and its Branches, for the half year
ending 31 Dec 1845, and the half year
ending 30 June 1846. I have to pray, then,
that you will, at as early a day as practicable,
send me the estimate for your Mint.

In making them, you will please keep

in view any probable balance that may remain of your present appropriations at the close of the current year.

Very respectfully,

Your faithful servant,

R.M.P.

Director

To

~~George~~ Green M. Caldwell Esqr

Supt Bo Mint

Charlotte

1/10 ~~George~~ Green W. Caldwell Esqr

Supt Br Mint

Charlotte

N.C.

Sep 11: 1843.

Fairfield Dist. S.C. Sept. 25th 1843

To the honourable R. M. Patterson. Director of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia.

Dear Sir

I have lately received from Washington City a document containing various communications that took place between the superintendant for building the Branch Mint at Charlotte N. C. the Secretary of the Treasury and yourself concerning our claim for the ballance of an award rendered by three referees chosen by the Superintendant and ourselves It appears to me Sir that there is a great want of the knowledge of the facts concerning this matter by you; I will state one or two circumstances that may perhaps convince you that we acted perfectly under the direction of the Superintendant in all matters in carrying out the building of the branch mint at Charlotte. in the first place I will set you right in regard to the dificulty in getting suitable rock for the projection of the cornice as represented by Wm Strickland on a drawing of the cornice sent on by us through Maj McComb to you, which it appears you got Strickland to mark on that draft in what way it should be executed, on seeing his advice on the draft, and after looking out for suitable Rock we conceived that this dificulty existed in this way that the rock we had been splitting out for the range work, could not be gotten so thin as to suit without going to an unjustifiable expense, my own opinion was that the Job could be done with much less expense by hauling the rock from the quarry that we used than by getting the rock any where else, all persons that were acquainted with

the circumstances concurred with me - as to cutting the rock, I know yourself or mr Strickland will admit that rough rock three feet long could not be had here at least; and laid on a brick wall to project one foot clear of the sea mole, without being made straight and also to be jointed in a rough manner at least, I conceive this much was indispensable, now sir as I said above, we were acting under the directions of your superintendent, who often said to us while preparing this rock, that we were doing it just as he wished it done, and he wished us to carry it out accordingly.

In the document refered to above, I see that mr McComb says he was authorized to have his work done by the director of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia and Col Wheeler says that as far as he is able to judge, it is built precisely according to the model and drawings furnished. and of the best materials the nature of the Country would admit of. Mr Peale after making inquiries of me and examining the building said that it was built to the letter.

and further sir I see, which gives me pleasure, that in answer to Secy Woodburys letter to you that you would not persevere in your Objection to the payment of the award made by the Referees for the cornice, this being the case I am at a loss to know why the money was not paid, as I conceived the Secretary was impowered by your letter to pay the amount of the award

Now sir from all the circumstances connected with this affair it seems that you have it in your power to have us paid.

and I think when you consider all the circumstances of the case, examine the contract and the draughts furnished, you will see clearly that we are legally and justly intitled to our award and further, you will observe the reduced price for which we built the Mint

and also that I did not make one dollar on the Job, all these Things I hope will convince you that I ought not to be kept out of the money longer and should I receive the amount of the award it certainly would not remunerate me for the loss I sustained in erecting that building.

I hope therefore that you will be good enough to interfere for me and have me paid, this course will save me the trouble and expense of going to Washington City to have Justice done me Dear Sir I am sure that you would at once do me full Justice if you knew all the circumstances of this matter, which I could not explain to you on one sheet of paper, but as you know some things and have agreed to not object farther, I hope you will now direct the money to be paid over to me, this I think Sir will be doing me Justice and also conferring a very great favour. Oblige me by answering this letter as soon as possible and favourably if you can. I am Sir Yours most respectfully

Reuben Perry

From

Reuben Perry, Esq.
Former Contractor for erecting
Building for Branch Mint
at Charlotte, N. C.
Fairfield Dist., S. C.
Feb. 25/42.

Rec'd. Oct. 2/

October
1843

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To The Hon R. M. Patterson
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U. S.
Sept. 29. 1848.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a statement of my account with you as Treasurer for certain expenditures made by me for your Mint, during the quarter ending to-morrow (1) accompanied by the proper vouchers.

The balance remaining in my hands to your credit is reduced to $34.34, while there are bills outstanding to the amount of $235.28. I will thank you, therefore, to place me in funds for these bills, & such as may from time to time accrue.

R. M. P.
D.

To
G. W. Caldwell,
Acting Treas. B. Mint.
Charlotte.

To/ G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte,

Sept. 29, 1843.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 3d. Oct.r 1843.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you, the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Months of September last, as exhibited in the paper marked A, enclosed.

Mr. Caldwell has been very sick, since I had the honor of addressing you, and is still so very weak, that he begs me to apologise for his not answering your letter of the 11th. ult.o, requesting him to send you the estimates for this Mint, for the half year ending 31 Dec.r 44 and for the half year ending 30 June 1845, — and to say that by next mail, or the one after that, at farthest, he will forward you the estimates as desired.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
M. D. Stringe

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
W. F. Strange
Clerk of Br. Mint
Charlotte, N. C.
Oct. 6, 1843.
Rec'd 9th.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of September 1843.

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dec.s	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Coinage Denominations		No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	
Bars	58.	75	35.	380	658.	23	649.	60	1843.				
Do	5.	38	5.	348	99.	50	99.	50	Sept.r 7.	Half Eagles	2.697.	13.485.	
Do	12.	87	13.	258	246.	66	246.	66	28.	Do	2.468.	12.340.	
Amalgam	65.	34	69.	126	1.286.	07	1.286.	07					
Bar	6.	38	6.	534	121.	56	121.	56					
Do	22.	30	14.	874	276.	73	274.	48					
Doubloons & Sovereigns	6.	58	6.	344	118.	03	118.	03					
Bars	11.	46	11.	973	222.	75	222.	75					
Amalgam	323.	71	306.	047.	5.693.	92.	5.693.	92.					
Bechtlers Coins & Amalgam	33.	03.	32.	764	609.	57	609.	57					
Amalgam	19.	20	20.	031	372.	67	372.	67					
Bars & Amalgam	39.	31	38.	681	719.	66	719.	66					
Amalgam	25.	00	26.	277	488.	88	488.	88					
Amalgam & Bars	222.	86	211.	973	3.943.	68	3.943.	68					
Bar	39.	75	32.	064	596.	54	590.	33					
Do	19.	10	19.	800	368.	37	368.	37					
Do	7.	31	7.	081	131.	74	131.	74					
Do	8.	82	9.	338	173.	73	173.	73					
Do	21.	48	21.	717	404.	04	404.	04					
Amalgam	7.	50	7.	474	139.	05	139.	05					
Bars	33.	26	27.	818	517.	55	517.	55					
Do	5.	92	5.	517	102.	64	102.	64					
Do	7.	35	6.	271	116.	67	116.	67					
Sovereigns	28.	15	28.	617	532.	41	532.	41					
Amalgam	21.	33.	22.	490	418.	32	418.	32					
Amalgam	163.	23.	155.	067.	2.884.	97.	2.884.	97					
Do	92.	30	87.	312	1.624.	41	1.624.	41					
Bar	8.	96	9.	316	173.	32	173.	32					
Amalgam & Grains	73.	00	69.	361	1.290.	44	1.290.	44					
Bar	8.	44.	8.	597.	159.	94	159.	94					
	1.398.	07.	1.316.	450.	24.492.	15.	24.475.	06.			5.165.	25.825.	

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 7th October 1843.

Sir

Your favor of the 11th Ulto, requesting me to furnish you with the estimates, for this Branch Mint, for the half year ending 31st December 1844, and for the half year ending 30th June 1845, came to hand in due course of mail, but owing to a very severe attack of fever, from which, I am but now very slowly recovering, I have been unable to reply at an earlier day.

I do not think, that I can with a due regard to the proper efficiency of the Mint, ask for a less appropriation, than was made for the current year, - it is true the business is carried on at present by four workmen, but the evident increase of business which has already taken place, and the reasonable anticipation of still greater, would not warrant me, in asking for less than the usual appropriation for five workmen for the following year.

I therefore respectfully submit the following estimate for the half year ending 31 December 1844, viz.t

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk	$3.000.	
" Pay of Labourers in various departments	1.750.	
" Wastage of Gold and for Contingent Expenses	750.	$5.500.

And for the half year ending 30th June 1845. viz.t

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk	$3.000.	
" Pay of Labourers in various departments	1.750.	
" Wastage of Gold, and for Contingent Expenses	750	5.500.
Total for the fiscal year ending 30 June '45.		$11.000.

Your A/c of expenditures for articles purchased for this Mint has been received, by which I find there is still a small balance of $24.34 to my credit, inclosed you will find a check for $500. on the Bank of America New York which will meet the a/cs still outstanding against this Mint.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

G. N. Caldwell

Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Your A/c of expenditures for articles purchased for this Mint has been received, by which I find there is still a small balance $24.34 to my credit, inclosed you will find a check for $500. on the Bank of America New York which will meet the a/cs still outstanding against this Mint.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE OCT 8 N.C.

From/ H. W. Caldwell Esq

Supt. Br. Mint

Charlotte

NC

Oct 7/43

Rec'd 13th

From/ H. W. Caldwell,

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte, N.C.

Oct. 7. 1843.

Rec'd - 13 -

Estimates for 1844 & 5.

Mint of the United States

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst, and I am happy to find that you are recovering from the attack of fever of which Mr Strange had informed me.

Your Check for five hundred dollars on the Bank of America, N. York. has been cash^d & the amount placed to your Credit on my books.

We sent yesterday to Mr Chambers of Charleston p^r Sch^r Driver six Carboys of Nitric acid, & a roll of Hose, to be forwarded to you. Your remaining orders shall be sent by the next opportunity.

Your estimates for the next fiscal year are quite satisfactory. I could not expect, under existing circumstances that the amount would be less. Mr Strange's letter of the 3^d inst with the report for September was duly rec^d.

Very respy &c

R.M.P.

Director

To/ G.W. Caldwell Esq
Supt B^r Mint Charlotte N.C.

To
G. W. Caldwell Esqr
Supt. U.S. Mint
Charlotte N.C.
Oct 13. 1843

Mint of the United States
October 13, 1843.

Sir-

I send above a bill of lading of articles intended for the Branch Mint at Charlotte which you will please to forward as heretofore.

Very Respy
Your faithful Servt
R.M.P.
Director

To/
Joseph S. Chambers Esq
Charleston S.C.

P.S. On the 2d inst Messrs Atkinson & Rollins of Boston Shipp'd pr Bark Mary Kimball one Tierce of Crucibles for the Br Mint at Charlotte & also one Tierce for the Branch at Dahlonega & sent a Bill Lading by the Vessel you will please give the matter attention & forward as usual

70/ Joseph S. Chambers

Charleston S.C.

October 13. 1873

B.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 1 Novem.r 1843.

Sir

I have the honor of reporting to you the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of October last — The paper marked A, will show the Amount of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed during the Month.

"In order to ensure us against delays", The Assayer requests that 2 Carboys of pure nitric acid, be sent as early as convenient.

The Melter & Refiner in addition to his former requisitions, also requests, that, One roll of sheet lead for lining the reservoir, 8 separating Jars, 4 Horns and 4 Pipes, for the Refinery, 4 copper drying Pans, two for gold and two for silver, 25 lbs Borax, and 5 lbs of corrosive sublimate, be sent at your earliest convenience. The state of Mr Caldwells health has been such, as to have caused some delay, in an application which he thinks important, to make, for your consent, that a new roof should be placed over the mint before the rainy season commences. His health is still very precarious, but in order to avoid any further delay, he requests me to inform you that the roof is in such a leaky condition, that the private apartments are scarcely habitable, and although every expedient has been tried, at considerable expense, to arrest the leaks, every successive storm of wind and rain shows that they are futile.

The Refinery, the Press room, the Assayers Office are also inundated by rain, the droppings through the roof, filling buckets = undermining and decaying the Walls of the Building. The experience we have had with the Zinc Roof induces him to urge your consent that as early arrangements as possible should be made to replace it, by a shingle roof, which can be covered with a fire proof paint or cement. The materials and workmanship

can be found here, and we certainly have as little danger to apprehend from fire, as from the effects of rains, which bring down the plaster, both within and without the Building.

A Carpenter who has been employed to measure the roof, estimates the cost, at between 5 and 600 Dollars, which only includes the shingles, nails, and workmanship – but as it will be necessary to use copper for the gallies in order to make the covering effective, it is supposed that not less than $1.000. will be required for meeting every little item that may be required for covering it efficiently.

Mr. Caldwell therefore requests your views upon the subject, and should you agree with him, that you will cause to be inserted, along with the estimates for this Branch Mint, or in such other manner as you may deem most expeditious, an item for appropriation of $1.000. for covering the roof of this Mint.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
M. T. Strange Capt

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
Wm. F. Strange
Clerk Br. Mint
Charlotte.
Nov. 1. 1843.
Rec'd. Nov. 8.

November 1843

Statement of Gold Bullion received, and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca during the Month of October 1843. —

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Sovereigns	30.	70	31.	211	580.	67	580.	67
Amalgam	12.	25	12.	263	228.	15.	228.	15
Do.	9.	88	9.	582	178.	27	178.	27
Bar	21.	87	23.	034	428.	54	428.	54
Amalgam	30.	35	31.	361	583.	46	583.	46
Do.	10.	25	10.	157	188.	97	188.	97
Bar & pieces	20.	22.	19.	798	368.	33	368.	33
Amalgam	26.	67	29.	098	541.	36	541.	36
Do.	22.	07	23.	541	437.	97	437.	97
Do.	11.	65	9.	902	184.	22.	184.	22
Bar	7.	42	7.	485	139.	26	139.	26
Do.	30.	69	20.	048	372.	99	368.	41
Amalgam	7.	00	7.	124	132.	54.	132.	54
Bar	6.	65	5.	414	100.	72.	100.	72
Do.	7.	91	7.	935	147.	63.	147.	63
Amalgam	183.	46	198.	539	3.	693. 75.	3.	693. 75.
Do.	30.	98	33.	560	624.	37	624.	37
Bar	11.	11	10.	430	194.	05	194.	05
Grains & Amalgam	34.	79	36.	439	677.	94	677.	94
Do. & Do.	45.	63	43.	265	804.	93.	804.	93
Amalgam	9.	98	9.	908	184.	33.	184.	33
Do.	14.	08	15.	190	282.	60	282.	60
Do.	25.	87	25.	218	469.	17	469.	17
Do.	9.	66	9.	961	185.	32.	185.	32
Amalgam & Bars	19.	85	20.	344	378.	49	378.	49
Bar	5.	23.	5.	281	98.	25	98.	25
Do.	104.	34	98.	018	1.	823. 59	1.	823. 59
Do.	51	56	51.	411	956.	48	956	48
Amalgam	5.	80	6.	005	111.	72.	111.	72
Pieces	12.	25.	12.	412.	230.	92.	230.	92
Carried forward Ozs.	810.	01	823.	934	# 15.	328. 99.	15.	324. 41

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of October 1843.

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dwts.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dwts.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions		Coinage 1843	Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Amt. brought forw.d	810.	01	823.	934	15.328.	99.	15.324.	41	1843.				
Grains	16.	60.	16.	267.	302.	64	302.	64	October 5.	Quarter Eagles.	3.435.	8.587.	50.
Amalgam	685.	26.	637.	505.	11.860.	56	11.852.	02	24	Half Eagles	2.655.	13.275.	
Bar	4.	91	4.	385	81.	58.	81.	58					
Amalgam	6.	35.	6.	561.	122.	07.	122.	07.					
Bars	44.	77	36.	162.	672.	78	665.	79					
Amalgam	8.	68	8.	914	165.	84	165.	84					
Bar	7.	01	7.	577.	140.	97.	140.	97					
Bar & Amalgam	15.	15.	11.	361	211.	37.	211.	37					
Amalgam	11.	00	11.	305	210.	32.	210.	32					
Bar	11.	48	11.	835	220.	19.	220.	19					
Bars	52.	40	44.	888	835.	12.	826.	91					
Amalgam	3.	13	3.	080	57.	30	57.	30					
Buttons Bars, Bechtlers Coins & Amalgam	12.	14	11.	237.	209.	06	209.	06					
Amalgam & pieces	21.	67	21.	620	402.	23	402.	23					
Bar	9.	34.	10.	013.	186.	29.	186.	29.					
Bar	4.	32.	4.	298	79.	96	79.	96					
Amalgam & Bechtlers Coins	73.	86	75.	781	1.409.	88	1.409.	88					
Amalgam	11.	89	12.	021	223.	65	223.	65					
Bar	11.	81	10.	181	189.	41.	189.	41					
Bar	8.	11	8.	577	159.	57.	159.	57					
Bar & piece	22.	85	18.	660	347.	16	347.	16					
Pieces & Amalgam	6.	00	5.	833.	108.	52.	108.	52					
	1.858.	74	1.801.	995.	33.525.	46.	33.497.	16.			6.090.	21.862.	50

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 1 December 1843.

Sir

After a severe indisposition by bilious fever for the last five Months, I now have the pleasure of reporting to you the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of November, as exhibited in paper marked A, enclosed.

I attribute the continuance of my sickness, and that of my whole Family, entirely to the dampness of the Building, caused by the very defective state of the roof — the rain drips through the roof in such quantities as to compell me to abandon the occupation of the upper rooms entirely, and this morning in going up to examine them after the rain of last night, I found them perfectly flooded.

On the 1st of November last, Mr. Strange at my request, addressed you upon the subject, requesting your views or concurrence in having a shingle roof put upon the Mint, (as we have so thoroughly tried Zinc, and found that it will not do,) to which I have not had the pleasure of an answer: would you be kind enough to let me hear from you, and should a shingle roof meet with your approbation, I could get Workmen to put it on immediately, who would wait for pay until an appropriation was made by Congress, for I consider that something must be done, and that immediately, for the constant dripping and soaking will in a very short time, soften the walls so much that they will be unable to support themselves.

The Melter & Refiner requests me to mention that the pot covers received are too small — the largest being only fit for pots No. 16. whereas we want them to fit No.s 25 & 30. He is also much in want of the precipitating Jars which have been ordered for some time, but not received, as well as the articles of

were ordered last Month, and One dozen wooden ladles now ordered. Your attention to all of which is now earnestly requested.

I will thank you to forward at the earliest opportunity the 2 carboys of pure nitric acid, ordered in my last Report, as Dr. Gibbon informs me that he is nearly out of acid for assaying.

The Coiner requests that two pair of Dies be sent for the coming year, one pair for half Eagles and One pair for Quarter Eagles.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

C. N. Caldwell

Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From / G. W. Caldwell
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte.

Dec. 1. 1845.
Rec'd. — 6. —

(Mr. reports.)

Statement of of Deposites of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of November 1843.

Kind of Deposites	Weight after Melting		Stand. Weight		Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
	Ozs.	decs.	Ozs.	decs.		
Amalgam	91.	01	91.	473	1.071. 82	1.071. 82
Bar	11.	77	10.	957	203. 85	203. 85
Amalgam	15.	15	13.	550	252. 10	252. 10
Do	13.	40	13.	875	258. 14	258. 14
Pieces	26.	65	27.	584	513. 19	513. 19
Bar	10.	48	10.	746	199. 92	199. 92
Pieces & Amalgam	18.	27	15.	791	293. 80	293. 80
Amalgam	91.	98	99.	842	1.857. 53	1.857. 53
Do	7.	50	7.	416	137. 97	137. 97
Bars	20.	19	18.	161	337. 88	337. 88
Do	38.	44	42.	112	783. 48	783. 48
Amalgam & Bars	176.	30	169.	358	3.150. 84	3.150. 84
Amalgam	20.	47	18.	012	335. 10	335. 10
Bars	7.	88	8.	273	153. 92	153. 92
Amalgam	5.	49	5.	751	107. 00	107. 00
Do	5.	84	5.	650	105. 12	105. 12
Bars	6.	78	5.	075	94. 42	94. 42
Bars, Beckthies Coins & grains	32.	71	31.	559	587. 15	587. 15
Bar & grains	9.	90	10.	537	196. 04	196. 04
Bar	5.	86	5.	936	110. 44	110. 44
Amalgam	8.	12	8.	390	156. 10	156. 10
Amalgam & piece	4.	53	4.	493	83. 59	83. 59
Amalgam	33.	12	33.	855	629. 86	629. 86
Do	220.	63	202.	655	3.770. 32	3.770. 32
Bar	15.	20	10.	504	195. 42	193. 12
Amalgam	51.	00	54.	286	1.009. 97	1.009. 97
Do	11.	90	11.	331	210. 81	210. 81
Beckthies Coins	23.	40	22.	203	413. 08	413. 08
Amalgam	26.	17	25.	761	479. 27	479. 27
Carried forward	1.010.	14	985.	136	18.328. 13	18.325. 83

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of November 1843.

Kinds of Deposites	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dees	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dees	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Brought forwd	1.010.	14	985.	136	18.328.	13.	18.325.	83
Amalgam	6.	57	6.	043	112.	43	112.	43
Do	7.	25	7.	546	140.	39	140.	39
Pieces & Amalgam	9.	13	8.	723	162.	30	162.	30
Amalgam	8.	65	9.	378	174.	47	174.	47
	1.041.	74	1.016.	826	18.917.	72	18.915.	42

	Coinage Denomination	Nr. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
1843. November	Half Eagles	6.790.	33.950.	
		6.790.	33.950.	

Mint Office
Dec. 6/43.

Sir,

I am happy to find, from your letter of the 1st inst., that your health is restored, and that you are again able to resume your correspondence.

I entirely approve your substituting a shingle roof for that tin one now on the building, and which has caused you so much annoyance. I thought I had before written to you to this effect; but it seems that I have mistaken an intention for action. I have not introduced this item of cost for this purpose into my estimates for the appropriation for your Mint, because the appropriation would not be available in time. You know that the fiscal year does not begin until July next. I propose, therefore, that you shall ask a special appropriation, and that you put it in the shape to be asked for, and I will gladly join you in doing so. The sum required is, I think, $1000. Let me know the representation in Congress into whose hands the case of this matter can be best committed, and I will enter into correspondence with him. Please, at the same time, to write to me such

an application for this object, and the reasons for it, as I can communicate to the Committee of Ways & Means.

I have some time since, ordered three pairs of each kind of dies, for your Mint, for 1844. They are struck, and will be ~~found~~ out of the Engraver's hands in good time, I hope, for your January operations.

We have ordered a cask of pot-covers suitable for pots No. 30, which will be sent to you from Boston. The other articles will be sent to you very soon, the Acid being nearly ready for shipment. We have had great difficulty in finding any one to make the stone jars. The order is now in the hands of a man from whom we are daily expecting to hear.

R. M. P.
Dl

To
G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

To/ G. W. Caldwell
Supt. Br. Mint
Charlotte.

Dec. 6. 1843.

December 1843

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 29 Decem.r 1843.

Sir

I have delayed answering your favor of the 6th inst. for the purpose of ascertaining as near as practicable what would be the probable expense of recovering this Mint with Shingles and putting up copper gutters & vallies.

As stated in Mr. Stranges letter of 1 November last I find that we cannot have the building recovered effectively with a less sum than One Thousand Dollars — I will therefore thank you to get an appropriation for that amount passed by Congress at as early a day as possible, and would respectfully refer you to Gen.l MacKay Chairman of Ways and Means from this State and to Hon.ble Joseph R. Ingersoll of your City as Gentlemen of influence and business habits, into whose hands the care of this matter can be safely committed.

I make the application under the full conviction, that unless the Building is recovered at an early date, we shall be under the absolute necessity of ceasing operations in all the working Rooms from the effect of winds and rains which bring down the plaster in such quantities as not only to damage the Machinery, and frequently to arrest the regular business but to endanger the lives of the Labourers and Officers of the Mint.

The experience we have had with a tin Roof satisfies me, that no expedient which can be tried, will prevent the droppings through the Roof and save the walls from decay, but to replace it by a Shingle Roof — Every expedient has been resorted to, at considerable expense to stop the leaks, and save the expense of another Roof — but every successive

storm of wind and rain shows that they are totally useless — For the above reasons, I make and urge the application for an appropriation.

I would request you to have ordered and forwarded as soon as practicable Six hundred and fifty (650) feet of sheet copper of the proper thickness for Gutters & Valleys — I should think less than the sixteenth of an inch thick would answer — the sooner it can be forwarded the better, for as soon as it arrives, we will commence covering the roof, as I have made a contract for that purpose, and the Contractor has agreed to wait for his pay until the appropriation be made by Congress.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

G. W. Caldwell

Supt Br. Mint

Dr R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

From
G. W. Caldwell
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
Dec. 29, 1843.
Rec'd Jan. 3. 1844.

January 1844

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 30 Decem.r 1842

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing an assay slip from a Melt of Gold Ingots No 16. reported fineness .899 weight 140/1000 ths of an Oz. value 74¢.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
B. S Gantt
Supt

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From B. S. Gaither, Supt.
Charlotte.
Dec. 30. 1842
Rec'd Jan 5. 1843.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – 1843 (CONT.)

Charlotte Branch Mint.
5 January 1843.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing you the Report of the Operations of this Branch Mint for the Month of December 1843 as also a Statement of the Amt. of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed during the year 1843, by which you will perceive we received in Gold Bullion $272.063.72, and coined $287.005. being an increase in the reception of Gold Bullion over last year of nearly $100.000, and of Coinage $128.000.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G.W. Caldwell
Supt. Br. Mint

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell
Supt
Charlotte.
Jan. 5, 1874
Rec'd 10.

Dec. Report for
for year.

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the Charlotte Branch Mint during the Month of December 1843.

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dec.	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deduction		Value after Deductions	
Bar	10.	92	11.	185	208.	10	208.	10
Amalgam	14.	12	14.	151	263.	27	263.	27
Bar	6.	69	6.	615	123.	07	123.	07
Do.	11.	04	11.	444	212.	91	212.	91
Do.	7.	92	8.	473	157.	64	157.	64
Do	11.	33	11.	077	206.	08	206.	08
Do.	6.	53	6.	790	126.	32	126.	32
Amalgam	10.	85	10.	957	203.	85	203.	85
Bar	4.	08	3.	928	73.	08	73.	08
Amalgam	24.	95	26.	284	489.	01	489.	01
Bars	578.	14	572.	943	10.	659. 39	10.	659. 39
Foreign Coins	6.	35	6.	271	116.	67	116.	67
Bars	28.	70	23.	916	444.	95	444.	95
Do.	7.	96	8.	710	162.	05	162.	05
Do.	7.	65	6.	738	125.	36	125.	36
Amalgam	143.	53	150.	025	2.	791. 17	2.	791. 17
Do.	14.	91	15.	443	287.	31	287.	31
Do.	31.	10	31.	894	593.	38	593.	38
Bars & Amalgam	47.	95	47.	372	881.	34	881.	34
Amalgam & pieces	8.	77	8.	553	159.	12	159.	12
Bar	5.	80	5.	993	111.	50	111.	50
Bars	20.	28	17.	860	332.	27	332.	27
Amalgam & Bars	12.	30	12.	790	237.	99	237.	99
Amalgam	170.	28	184.	807	3.	438. 27	3.	438. 27
Do.	20.	02	19.	796	368.	30	368.	30
Bar	5.	92	6.	070	112.	93	112.	93
Amalgam	22.	38	20.	586	382.	99	382.	99
Bar	20.	15	21.	268	395.	68	395.	68
Do.	6.	52	7.	084	131.	80	131.	80
Do.	9.	11	8.	248	153.	45	153.	45
Carried forward	1.276.	25	1.287.	273	23.949.	25	23.949.	25

Statement of Deposits of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca during the Month of December 1843.

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting Ozs.	decs.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	decs.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Brought forwd.	1.276.	25.	1.287.	273.	23.949.	25	23.949.	25
Bar	7.	46	7.	607	141.	52	141.	52
Do.	6.	00	5.	933	110.	37	110.	37
Do.	14.	79	9.	332	173.	62	171.	22
Do.	2.	87	2.	686	49.	97	49.	97
Amalgam	18.	37	17.	613	327.	68	327.	68
Bar	6	15	5.	513	102.	57	102.	57
Amalgam	13.	30	14.	294	265.	93	265.	93
Do.	4.	59	4.	997	92.	97	92.	97
Do.	23.	00	23.	767	442.	17	442.	17
Do.	30.	73	31.	786	591.	37	591.	37
Do.	10.	39	10.	192	189.	62	189.	62
Bar	15.	56	15.	905	295.	91	295.	91
Amalgam	11.	73	11.	624	216.	26	216.	26
Bar	12.	84	10.	842	201.	71	201.	71
Amalgam	58.	77	56.	155	1.044.	74	1.044.	74
Bar	5.	33	5.	471	101.	79	101.	79
Do.	10.	70	11.	080	206.	14	206.	14
Do.	7.	22	6.	922	128.	78	128.	78
Do.	13.	08	14.	168	263.	59	263.	59.
	1.549.	13.	1.553.	160.	28.895.	96	28.893.	56.

	Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
1843. December	Half Eagles	4.803.	24.015.	
	Quarter Do.	5.246.	13.115.	
		10.049.	37.130.	

Amount of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca during the year 1843.

1st Quarter	2.146.	09	2.040.	811	37.968.	43.	37.942.	87
2d Do.	4.144.	44	3.913.	187	72.803.	30	72.753.	79
3d Do.	4.510.	91	4.297.	488	79.952.	85	79.863.	55
4th Do.	4.449.	61	4.371.	981	81.339.	14	81.306.	12
	15.251.	05.	14.623.	467.	272.063.	72.	271.866.	33.

	¼ Eagles	½ Eagles	Dolls.	cts.
1st Quarter		6.138	30.690.	
2d Do.	8.724	14.059.	92.105	
3d Do.	8.659	9.832.	70.807.	50
4th Do.	8.681	14.248	92.942.	50
	26.064.	44.277.	286.545.	00.
Coins reserved for annual assay not included in above	32.	76.	460.	
	26.096.	44.353.	287.005.	00

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion and Coinage executed at the Charlotte Branch Mint during the Month of December 1842.

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting		Stand. Weight Ozs.	dcs	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	3.	58	3.	182	59.	20	59.	20
Amalgam	10.	52	9.	645	179.	44	179.	44
Bars & Grains	97.	02	103.	192	1.919.	84	1.919.	84
Amalgam & pieces	5.	10	5.	314	98.	87	98.	87
Bar	5.	86	6.	275	116.	75	116.	75
Amalgam & Bars	43.	10	44.	083	820.	15	820.	15
Bar & Amalgam	38.	67	29.	396	546.	90	543.	37
Bars	26.	52	23.	873	444.	15	444.	15
Bars	15.	03	13.	408	249.	45	249.	45
Pieces & Amalgam	5.	50	5.	713	106.	29	106.	29
Bars.	58.	32	52.	922	984.	59	984.	59
Bar	7.	75	6.	570	122.	23	122.	23
Bars.	16.	32	15.	927	296.	32	296.	32
Amalgam	122.	35	118.	808	2.210.	36	2.210.	36
Amalgam	525.	62	496.	503	9.237.	26	9.237.	26
Bars.	11.	45	10.	050	186.	98	186.	98
Bar.	6.	73	6.	774	126.	03	126.	03
Bars.	17.	11	17.	337	322.	54	322.	54
Bars.	24.	55	24.	231	450.	81	450.	81
Bar.	27.	56	22.	660	421.	58	421.	58
Bars & Amalgam	6.	35	6.	757	125.	71	125.	71
Bars.	17.	72.	18.	065	336.	09	336.	09
Bar.	9.	43	9.	826	182.	81	182.	81
Amalgam	27.	25	24.	450	454.	88	454.	88
Bars.	25.	20	23.	074	429.	28	429.	28
Bar.	10.	03	10.	407	193.	62	193.	62
Bar.	11.	05.	11.	196	208.	30	208.	30.
Bars & Grains	130.	83	120.	516	2.242.	16	2.242.	16
Bar	6.	31	6.	463	120.	24	120.	24
Bar	6.	40	6.	293	117.	08	117.	08
Bar.	6.	55	5.	443	101.	27	101.	27.
	1.325.	78	1.258.	353.	23.411.	18.	23.407.	65

	Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
1842.				
Decr. 16.	Half Eagles	2.700.	13.500.	
31.	Do.	2.294.	11.470.	
"	Quarter Eagles.	1.901.	4.752.	50.
	Half Eagles (coins reserved for annual assay)	48.	240.	
	Quarter Eagles (" " " ")	12.	30.	
	Credited to the Coiner by entry of this date.			
		6.955.	29.992.	50

U. S. Branch Mint

Charlotte No. Car. 6th Jany 1843.

Sir

I herewith enclose you the paper marked A, which exhibits the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of December and shows that we received during that Month $23.411 18/100 Dollars worth of Gold Bullion. I am pleased to have it in my power to state that we have received during the year 1842, $174.407/100 worth of Gold Bullion and have coined 159.005 Dollars, which I presume will correspond with the aggregate of my Monthly Reports. This is considerably more than has been received, and coined annually, for the three preceding years, and from the present prospect of the Mining interest, in this state, I feel fully authorized in saying, that it is not as much as will be received during the next year, provided this Institution continues to retain the confidence of the Community.

I have been endeavouring to curtail the expenses of this Branch of the Mint by a rigid economy in the expenditure of the Contingent Fund, and have been trying the experiment for some Months of dispensing with the services of one of the Workmen and the Porter, which results in the annual reduction of $942. in the expenditures for that service, and I am induced to believe that I can render that reform permanent.

Dr. Gibbon has not yet got up his "Sweeps" nor Mr. Bolton his Clippings and Filings so as to enable me to report the Wastage for this year, but will have them ready in a few days.

I have received through the Secretary of the Treasury two Head Dies one of half and the other of ¼ Eagles.

I find that when you receive the Coin reserved

for the annual assay, (which I will forward in a few days) that you will have more of my Contingent Fund than will be necessary, and have drawn upon you in favor of Mr. E. M. Feldt for the Amt. of his Order from Mr. Bolton which I have enclosed and which you will please accept, and charge me with.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Dear

B. S. Gaither, Esq.

Supt. Br. Mint

Charlotte, N.C.

Jan. 6/43.

Rec. 12th.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 10 Jany 1843.

Sir

Agreeably to the instructions contained in your letter of the 9th February 1842, I have by this mail sent one half of the Coins reserved for the annual assay, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with the request that he would forward the same to you.

You will observe that I have divided the Coins reserved from each Melt, and sent the half of each, so that if either package is received the means will be afforded to test the correctness of our Coin from each Melt. I will send the balance in a few days. The Coins from Melt No 1 of the Eagles were defective and not issued but were returned to the Melter & Refiner. I am not yet enabled to report the Wastage in either of the Departments.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
B. L Gunther
Superintendent &c

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Penny

B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Jan 10 1843.

Rec'd 17th.

(On a bill of Lading)

U. S. Mint Phila.
Jany 12. 1843

Dear Sir,

Our Assayers, who lately published a Work entitled "A Manual of Coins", inform me that on the 5th July last, upon the request of Mr. Levin, of the house of Levin & Tavel, booksellers, of your city, they furnished that house with ten copies of the work, on sale for which they have a receipt. The ~~late~~ amount of the charge for these copies is $40. They have learned and paying 80 per cent. of their dues that Messrs L. & T. are winding up, ~~business~~, but have not heard from them (altho' written to) in regard to the sale of the work. Will you have the goodness to obtain an early settlement of the same; ~~for which you have full authority~~, and if any copies remain unsold, ~~and are in~~ will you ~~have the~~ please to forward them to B. S. Parker Esq. Supt Charlotte Branch Mint. and ~~inform~~ Please inform Messrs Eckfeldt & DuBois as to what you shall have done, and charge them a fair commission.

Yours truly
R. M. P.

J. J. Chambers Esq.
Charleston

To J. S. Chambers Esq.

Charleston

Jany 12. 1843.

U. S. Branch Mint

Charlotte N.C. 16th January 1843.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a copy of the Annual Report of the Assayer Melter & Refiner to me, marked A. which exhibits the operations of this Department during the year more fully and satisfactorily than I can now do by letter, and shows that of the estimated quantity of Gold is still remaining in the Sweeps of the two preceding years there has been no wastage in this Department, and at all events, it has been within the legal limits. In relation to the Sweeps of 1841, you will recollect that I forwarded you a specimen, and upon the assay of that specimen, it was ascertained that the Sweeps were too poor to justify their transportation to Philadelphia, and I retained them, giving Dr Gibbon credit upon his A/c for their estimated value viz Ozs 3.272. which was all that was necessary to balance his A/cs of that year, and them delivered to him the "Sweep" and charged him with them in 1842, at the Amount of 3.272 Ozs with a view that they should be ground over with the Sweeps of this year to procure all the remaining Gold that was possible, by the means that we have and reduce the Wastage of this year. It was evident from the test of the specimen sent you, as reported in your letter of the 26 March 1842, that there was Gold still remaining in those Sweeps, and I did not know in what other way they could be made at all available: but I see from this Report that Dr Gibbon has not had them worked over with the Sweeps of this year as was originally contemplated, when I charged him with them, but in his report he takes the estimated value, predicated upon your letter of the 26th March 1842, and takes credit in his calculations for 10.540 Ozs of

Gold supposed to be remaining in those 8 Bbls. of Sweeps of 1841, which he delivered to me in the final settlement of his Afes in 1841, at 3.272 Ozs, and then received them and was charged only for 3.272 Ozs in his new Afe of 1842, and without touching them in any way I see he takes credit in the settlement of his Afes for 1842 for those Sweeps at 10.540 Ozs.

In making his calculations in order to ascertain the true Wastage of his Department in 1842, I can see no reason why he should take credit in 1842 for 7.268 Ozs more on account of those Sweeps than he was charged for them in that year when he received them.

If there be that much more Gold in them than was estimated in the settlement of 1841, the surplus was in that year, and has nothing to do with the Afes of 1842, and would show an accumulation instead of Wastage in that Department in the year 1841. It is however a matter of no importance as Dr Gibbons would be entirely within the legal limits without estimating that surplus, and I only remark upon that estimate for the reason, that I think it erroneous, and unintentially deceptive in not showing the true Wastage in 1842.

I would like to know what final disposition is to be made of those Sweeps and those of the year 1842, which I presume will be scarcely worth sending to Philadelphia, and I suppose in adjusting the Afe of Dr Gibbons I should treat the whole as Wastage and allow it to him.

I regret that I cannot report so small an amount of Wastage in the Coiner's Department.

He has received in Standard Ingots during the

year 15.428.830 Ozs and has returned in Coin, Clippings Filings and Sweeps 15.401.409 Ozs leaving a balance of 27.421 Ozs still in his hands. His full legal wastage would be 23.142 Ozs, which still leaves 4.279 Ozs unaccounted for, and which has not been satisfactorily explained. I feel it my duty to leave his A/c open and report the facts to you, and await your further instructions upon the subject

I hope you will cause the requisition made in Dr. Gibbons report to be forwarded as soon as practicable. I will send by the next mail the remainder of the Coins reserved for the annual Assay.

I have caused 2 Half Eagle heads, 2 Quarter Eagle Heads and 2 Quarter Eagle tails Dies to be defaced.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

R. E. Gantt

Superintendent

Dr Gibbon desires to retain the rest of the Assay Coin until he receive a verification of the two last Melts of Ingots.

Dr R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Asst. Br. Mint,
Charlotte
Jan. 16/43.
Rec. 23d.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 31 Decem.r 1842.

Sir

During the year 1842 I have received from the Treasurer Gold Bullion equal to 15.477.057 Stan.d ounces, and have returned in Stand.d Ingots for Coinage 15.430.150

leaving a Balance of Oz. 46.907

which I this day deliver into your hands viz

In tops filings and grains from Stan.d Ingots 17.620

In 8 Bbls of Sweeps of 1841 Containing
2.658 lbs nett estimated by the assay made
at Phil.a according to the letter of the Director
of 26 March 1842 to contain 10.540

In 19.85 in grains from the Sweeps of 1842. 249 Oz. 5.491

In Bbls of Sweeps of 1842, Samples of which
will be immediately forwarded to the Mint in
Phil.a for assay according to the instructions
of the Director, and which contain the balance 13.256 46.907

which will be accurately estimated when the true fineness and the weight are ascertained.

I have also received during the year 1842, the following Amounts of fine Silver calculated at its Stan.d value, which I am instructed to enumerate under the following heads Viz.t

1st The Original purchase for the use of the Refinery 1.239.300

2d The Silver from deposites of Gold Bullion
upon which "allowances for Silver" were made
to Depositors calculated to 31 Decem.r 1841. 1.534.522

Also the Silver from similar Depos.s during this year 172.235

Showing the total Amt. of such allowances to be 1.706.757

From which you instruct me to deduct 559.973

deliv.d to you 30 Sept.r '42 leaving a balance of 1.146.784

still due to the fund appropriated to such payments.

3d The excess of Silver collected in the operations of the Refinery on which
no allowance has been made to Depos.s on 31 Dec.r '41. 325.978

The same accumulated during this year 288.738 614.716

I this day deliver to you the Amount Stan.d Oz. 3000.800

U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C. 16 Jany 1843

Sir

Mr. Gaither who has just gone to Burke, desired Mr. Strange to show me the letter just written to you upon the subject of my Sweeps.

It was insisted that I should receive the Sweeps of 1841 in my new a/c of 1842, at their supposed value, although all the a/cs. of 1841 were balanced, I thought I had nothing more to do with them. Having subsequently however received a true assay of their contents, I thought I ought in justice to my Department of the Mint to claim their true value.

After obtaining the grains from my sweeps, I thought it possible, that in warm weather, we might obtain more gold from them, but I never contemplated to grind the fine sweeps of 1841 with the coarse sweep at the end of 1842,. I had your instructions ~~at the end of each year~~ to calculate the sweep at the end of each year, at what my experience led me to believe was their value. I have never estimated them higher, than the balance I required to settle my a/cs, although it is evident they were worth more.

I was instructed by you to claim an allowance for their true value after an assay of the samples I forwarded. It is difficult for me with my contracted means to get up my rough sweeps in time for an annual settlement and by insisting that I should receipt for sweeps as Bullion returned to me two years sweeps must always appear in one year.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
T. H. Gibbon
Assayer Melter & Refiner

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

I have not thought it necessary to estimate the Silver in my "Sweeps", nor the small amount combined with nitric acid in the Refinery.

Being anxious to hasten the collection of grains from the Sweeps, at a Gold Mill, in order to settle my accounts in season, they have not been so thoroughly cleaned, as I think it possible to do here — indeed the coldness of the water obstructs the amalgamation of the Gold. If it is thought advisable to subject the Sweeps during warmer weather to a more searching process, precious may be obtained from them, sufficient to pay the expense, and also to reduce the charge upon the profit & Loss a/c of the Mint

The roof of the Building covering my apartments is in a very leaky condition — part of the ceiling has fallen in the Refinery, and more threatens to fall. Wooden ceiling should be prepared at once to ceil those rooms, as very serious results may happen to the Workmen and the Building during our operations.

The work now required to be done in the Refinery, renders it difficult to make these repairs immediately, but if the Lumber is prepared, the Carpenters shall have place upon the earliest opportunity.

My Workmen report the want of 2 copper drying pans for Silver and 2 for Gold.
4 Earthen ware jars for Separating
75 feet of inch Leaden Water Pipe
A supply of zinc or other chain for the counter weights in the Refinery
An Iron retort for distilling mercury from the Amalgam of grains from the Sweeps to economize quick silver
12 Annealing Crucibles for the Assays
1 Carboy pure acid, & 12 Carboys for the Refinery

I am respectfully
T. H. Gibbon
Assayer, Melter & Refiner
U. S. Br. Mint

B. S. Gaither Esqr.
Supt. & Weasr.
U. S. Br. Mint

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From Charlotte Mint.
through Sec. of Treasury.

Rec'd Jan 18/43.

Box of Coins for Annual Assay.

Mt of the U.S.
Jany. 23. 1843.

Sir,

Circumstances of a domestic character have thrown me somewhat back in my correspondence with you. My Clerk, Mr Dunning, has also been detained, and is still detained from the Mint by sickness.

Your melt, No. 15, is found, from the Slip sent to us, to have been 900 ~~M~~ fine.

Melt No. 16 found to be but 898 ~~M~~. This, under present circumstances, may be received, as it is within the limit of the law; but no such melt ought ever to be made into coins. At this Mint, we never allow it.

Both the above melts were reported by Dr Gibbon one thousandth finer than our Assayers found them, on double assay. I pray you ask his attention to this circumstance.

The box of coins sent by you for the annual assay, was received on the 18th, inst.

The order in favor of Adam Eckfeldt, Esq for $145, will be paid after the annual assay.

Your annual coinage has been very respectable in amount, but your fellow Mint at Dahlonega has outstripped you, having reached the amount of $309,647.50.

Your important communication of the 16th. was received this morning, and shall receive my early attention.

Very re —
Your f —

To/
R. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S. It has been found, at the Dahlonega Mint, that the duties of the Assayer and Coiner are very unequal, and it has been proposed that the making of ingots should be transferred from to the Coiner. This is desirable on another account, namely that it completes the system of checks, and would render the repetition of unification of your ingot melts at the Mint unnecessary. I am, for both reasons, in favor of the proposed change, and am disposed to urge upon Congress the alteration of the law to present law. Let me know what views are entertained at your Mint as to the proposed change.

To / B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Jan. 23/43. Do

From Melb No. 15 — Charlotte Br. Mint

Weight 0.070 oz

Fineness 901. —— 900

Rec^d. Jan. 2. 1843.

Charlotte B. M.
Mill No. 16.
Fine — .899 ? —— 898
Weight .1140 oz
Value $ 0.74

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 30 January 1843

Sir

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 23d inst, reporting the fineness of Metts Nos 15 & 16, and I regret that the latter was found to be upon the extreme limits of the law. I had not issued any of the Coin from that Melt, and upon the request of Dr Gibbon, I concluded that it would probably be best to return them and have them recoined, and you will please to withdraw the Coins reserved from that Melt for the Annual Assay, which are in the box heretofore sent on. I presume that this can be done, and no serious inconvenience result from the course I have taken in the matter.

I herewith forward the balance of the Coin reserved for the Annual Assay, through the address of the Secretary of the Treasury which I hope will reach you in time and prove satisfactory.

You observe that "it has been found at the Dahlonega Mint, that the duties of Assayer and Coiner are very unequal, and it has been proposed that the making of Ingot should be transferred to the Coiner". The same inequalities of duties between those Officers is apparent in this Mint, and would be in a great measure obviated by the proposed change; but as you remark the most important reason for the alteration is, that it would complete the systems of checks between the different Officers. The present arrangement is certainly defective in not affording a check upon the Assayer Melter & Refiner in all that class of deposites which require separation in the Refinery, and in fact deposites that do not require separation, may be incorrectly reported and not detected.

It may require some small additional expense in erecting

a Furnace in the Coiners Department, but I think that the advantages to be derived from the change would fully justify the additional cost, and I am decidedly in favor of the alteration.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE
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N.C.

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.
Jan 30. 1843.
Rec'd. Feb. 7.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 31st January 1843,

Sir

As the mail from this place is about closing, and the Superintendent is not immediately at hand, I have the honor of enclosing an assay slip from Melt No 1, reported fineness .899, weight $\frac{100}{1000}$ths of an Ounce, value $1.86.; the verification of which at your earliest convenience is earnestly requested.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. F. Strange CM

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/
B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.
Jan. 31. 1843
Rec'd. Feb. 7.

February 1843

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 3d. February 1843.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting to you the paper marked A. showing the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of January.

I have not yet had the pleasure of receiving an Answer to my communication of the 16th. Ulto upon the subject of Wastage in the Departments of the Coiner & Melter & Refiner

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.

Feb. 3. 1843.
Rec'd — 9. —

January Report.

Statement of Deposites of Gold Bullion and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of January 1843.

Kind of Deposites	Weight after Melting Ozs.	dees	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dees	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions
Amalgam	5.	63	3.	914	72.	82	
Bar & Amalgam	5.	23	4.	537	84.	41	
Bars	5.	38	5.	485	102.	05	
Do.	12.	74	12.	740	237.	02	
Amalgam	7.	20	7.	343	136.	61	
Bar	5.	65	5.	655	105.	21	
Bars & Amalgam	16.	70	15.	994	297.	56	
Bar.	5.	24	5.	221	97.	14	
Amalgam & Grains	5.	79	6.	142	114.	27	
Bars & Amalgam	26.	60	24.	678	459.	12	
Bar	6.	85	6.	423	119.	50	
Bar & Grains	18.	23	19.	524	363.	24	
Bars.	14.	26	14.	623	272.	06	
Amalgam	7.	10	6.	767	125.	90	
Bar & Amalgam	6.	46	5.	454	101.	47	
Bars.	5.	67	4.	761	88.	58	
Grains & Amalgam	10.	30	10.	574	196.	72	
Amalgam	21.	97	22.	872	425.	52	
Do.	16.	30	16.	403	305.	17	
Bars	32.	36	26.	475	492.	56	
Do.	19.	67	19.	537	363.	48	
Do	25.	85	23.	019	428.	26	
Amalgam	220.	32	205.	373	3.820.	88	
Bar	5.	00	5.	155	95.	90	
Do	5.	92	6.	070	112.	93	
Do	49.	06	47.	764	888.	63	
	561.	48	532.	503.	9.907.	01	

No Deductions

Coinage

Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts

No Coinage executed this Month.

Mint of the United States,
Feb. 9. 1843.

Sir,

Your letter of the 30th was received day before yesterday.

I approve the course which you propose to take with the coins from your Melt No. 16, of last year, and which the assay proved to be on the very limit of the law as to fineness. The coins returned from that Melt will therefore be withdrawn from the annual assay.

Dr. Gibbon mentions, in a letter to Mr. Eckfeldt, that these coins are not well executed, and that it is therefore not undesirable, even on that account, that they should be withheld from circulation. This circumstance suggests to me the propriety of mentioning a very unpleasant predicament into which a friend of mine was drawn, about three weeks ago, at Boston, by some quarter-eagles of your's, of the coinage of 1841. He had offered one of them in payment to a bar-keeper, at a hotel, who thought it prudent to test it by trying to bend it with his teeth, when it broke short off. Afterwards another was tried with the same result. A bank Cashier was referred to, who pronounced the coins to be counterfeits. A Sheriff's officer was accordingly sent after my friend, and found him engaged on business at a factory, the proprietor of which informed the officer that he was unquestionably mistaken, and should be cautious how he acted, for the gentleman accused was well known to him,

was highly respectable, and above suspicion. A more careful examination of the coins was accordingly made, and they were found to be genuine. — Now we we have the broken halves of one of them at present at the Mint, and we have no hesitation in saying that the metal was not fit for coinage. I hope your officers will be careful never to employ gold so hard & brittle as the gold of this unlucky Specimen.

I find, on full consideration of the proposal to make a change in the duties of the Assayer & Coiner, that, if made at all, it cannot be confined to the making of ingots, but must include refining, toughening, and parting; in fact all the operations except simple assaying, so that the assayer shall have no bullion placed in his keeping, and no account with the Treasurer. The reason is obvious; for there would be otherwise an inextricable confusion of accounts. How, for instance, could we estimate the wastage accounts?

Now there is a very important question involved in that of the expediency of the proposed change, — Namely the competency of the Coiner to the new duties that would be required of him. In all the Mints the Coiners are Mechanics, and I believe that Mr. Bolton has no knowledge of Chemistry, & no practice in the operations of a Melter & Refiner. I pray you to make inquiry as to these points, and to report to me without delay, as the question is now before Congress. Let me know, also, whether Mr. Bolton would be willing, if required by law, to undertake the new work, or whether

the change would lead to his resignation.

The assay-slip from Melt No. 1, of this year, has been tested twice by Mr. Eckfeldt, and its fineness turns out to be 898.3, — a result which will not surprise Dr. Gibbon, if I may judge from his letter to Mr. Eckfeldt, but which I am sure he will take care to avoid in future.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. P.
D.

To/
B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. &c &c.
Charlotte.

P. S. If Mr. Gaither shall have left the Mint, on his proposed excursion, I pray that Mr. Strange may attend to the inquiries which I have made in this letter.

The report for January, and a 2d box of coins for the Annual assay, both came to hand this morning. The Wastage accounts, ~~to~~ which you ~~allude~~ presented in yours of the 16th ult., will form the subject of another letter.

To/
B. S. Gaither
Supt. U. Mint,
Charlotte.

Feb. 9. 1843.

My dear Sir

I have received your friendly Note of this Morning, with the accompanying Official Papers, and will have great pleasure in meeting You at the Mint on Monday next.

Ever faithfully
Your friend
R Patterson
10th July 43

Doctor Patterson

Doctor Patterson

Firm/
Genl. R. Patterson.
Feb. 10, 1843.

Recd. 10 th.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 17 February 1843,

Sir

I wrote you upon the 16th last Month upon the subject of the Wastage in the Coiner's Department and other matters, and have not had the pleasure of receiving a reply, and I enclosed you an assay slip from Melt No 1. upon the 31st and have received no verification.

I have thought probably your letter in reply may have been lost in the mail, and that I would draw your attention to these matters and request a response at your earliest convenience, as I cannot make out my Affs for the last Quarter of 1842, either Bullion or Ordinary, until I receive your instructions about the Wastage, and the report and vouchers of my expenditure in your City upon the ordinary Afc

I have the honor to be
Your Obt. Servt
B. I Gaither
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/ B. S. Gaither Esq,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte.
Feb. 17. 1843.
Rec'd. " 24. "

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 18th Feby 1843,

Sir

Your letter of the 19th Inst was only received this morning, and in the temporary absence of Mr. Gaither, (who has gone for a day or two on a visit to his Family) I reply "without delay to the enquiries" contained in your letter.

Mr. Bolton says, that it is true, he has no knowledge of Chemistry, and but very little of the operations of a Metter & Refiner, but that, with what information he might derive from Dr. Gibbon, "he would be willing if required by law to undertake" the duties that might be imposed upon him in that capacity.

When Mr. Gaither returns, he will respond more fully to the other portions of your letter, but deeming the above a portion as not admitting of delay, especially as the Session of Congress is rapidly drawing to a close, I have addressed you Mr. Bolton's views of the matter.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. F. Strange CVK

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Thomas

B. S. Gaither, Esq

Supt. &c. Charlotte

pr. Wm. F. Strange

Clerk.

Feb. 18. 1843.

Rec'd. 25, cts

Mint U.S. — Feb. 24/43.

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th inst., just received, reminds me of my having neglected to reply to yours of the 16th ult., relative to the wastage accounts of the ~~Assay~~ Multro Refiner, and the Coiner.

I am truly distressed at the unfortunate result a second time presented by the latter Officer. What can be the origin of this excess of wastage in his department. The gold wastage of the Coiner, here, for the past year, was 0.327 ~~M~~, at Dahlonega 0.37, and at New Orleans ~~[illegible]~~ 1. ~~M~~, and this last was an ~~subject of~~ amount considered to require explanation. Are the persons in the employment of Mr. Bolton worthy of trust; or have you any other ~~explanations~~ means of accounting for the excessive wastage? — Of course you will take care that the excess above the limit permitted by law, be ~~deducted~~ paid over by Mr. Bolton, or deducted from his salary.

As to the ~~account of the~~ Melter & Refiner, I agree with you that he can claim, on account of this Sweep of 1841, no more than the value at which it was charged ~~to him~~ when returned to him at the beginning of 1842.

This is, with regard to the value that can be claimed for Sweep, a rule always to be observed, to which I am desirous of inviting your attention and that of your Officer. It is that the true value of the Sweep is the price which can be obtained for it, or its assay value after deducting the cost of smelting. ~~If a transportation~~ If this operation is to be made at a distance, the cost of carriage is (however) to be borne by the Mint, and not deducted from the credit of the Officer.

Now, whatever gold ~~&~~ your Sweep may contain, if it will not bear the cost of smelting, its ~~value~~ cannot enter as a credit in the Officer's account, because it is in fact valueless.

These rules have been uniformly observed

here, and have been applied in settling the accounts at the New Orleans Mint.

I cannot advise that your sweeps be sent to Philadelphia, as we have been, ourselves, under the necessity of causing our last parcel to be smelted in England; ~~and I have just recommended the same course to~~

I send subjoined the results of our late annual assay.

R. M. P.
D

To B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

(For statement of results of Annual assay see table on file with letter to P. Rossignol, Feb. 15. '43.)

I enclose a statement of your acct. with me for the 4th quarter of 1842, showing a balance to your credit Jan. 1. 1843, of $355.26. I have added a memorandum of the subsequent debits & credits, that you may see the present state of the account. The sickness of my clerk, Mr. Dunning, was the reason for the delay of this account.

Bal. Feb. 24 = $404.26.

To/

B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c
Charlotte.

Feb. 24. 1848.

U. S. Branch Mint

Charlotte N.C.a 28 Feby 1843.

Sir

When your letter of the 9.th Inst. was received I was absent for a few days, and regret that I had it not in my power to respond immediately to your important communication.

Mr Strange wrote to you by the return mail and gave you Mr Bolton's views relative to the proposed change in the respective duties of the Assayer & Coiner, informing you he was willing to undertake the additional duties that would be imposed upon him by the alteration of the law, and admitting however that he has no knowledge of the science of Chemistry, and but little practical knowledge of the duties of Melter & Refiner.

I think that Mr Bolton would make every effort to discharge those additional duties, but from the want of the proper qualifications, I doubt the success of his efforts. It is possible he might get on with the assistance of Mr Jerres one of the Hands that is now employed in the Department of Dr Gibbon, who has been principally engaged in the Refining, and in assisting Dr Gibbon in his Assay Office. I think the proposed change is very desireable for several reasons, and that it should be made, even if it resulted in the necessity of a change of Officers. —

I regret the unpleasant predicament into which your friend was drawn by the defective manner in which some quarter Eagles were executed at this Mint in 1841, and have apprised the other Officers of the fact and have drawn their particular attention to the condition of the metal used in that coinage.

You will observe that I have not taken my proposed trip to Alabama, and my principle reason for declining, has been that

I have been induced to believe, that there is an under current at work to effect my removal from Office, which I suppose will not surprise you who are conversant with the difficulties I have met with in this Institution.

I have not received the slightest intimation from Washington of any charges against me, or of any contemplated change, but from the signs of the times, I resolved to let my private interests suffer in Alabama, and be present at my post, ready to meet promptly, any charges that might be brought forward, and to counteract any improper influence that might be used against me. I have some thought of visiting Washington in a few days, and if so, shall do my self the pleasure of extending my visit to your City, and of making your acquaintance in person.

Dr Gibbon informs me that the cask of black lead pots No 30 recently received from your City are very inferior in quality, 12 of which were broken before they reached here, and 3 have broken this week in the melting of Ingots after being carefully annealed, and I must request that you have forwarded as soon as convenient, another cask of No 30 of the best quality.

I transmit a slip from Melt No 2 of Gold Ingots weight $\frac{960}{1000}$ths of an Oz. reported fineness .899 5/ value $1.11

I am unable to enclose you my monthly Report by this Mail but will by the next.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B S Gaither
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c.
Charlotte, N.C.
Feb. 28. 1843.
Rec'd. March 6.

March 1843

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 7 March 1843.

Sir

In consequence of an unusual number of deposites being made within the last days of the Month, I have not been enabled to send you a report of the Operations during the Month, until this moment which you will find fully exhibited in the paper marked A.

In my last communication, I mentioned that it was rumoured here, that I was to be removed from Office, and that it was possible that I might visit Washington in a few days and probably Philadelphia. I have since endeavoured to ascertain the foundation of the Report, but have not succeeded in obtaining any thing sufficiently tangible to justify my approaching the President upon the subject, and have declined going to Washington for the present, and will patiently await the moving of the waters.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
March 7. 1843.
Rec'd. " 13. "

February Report.

Statement of Deposites received and Coinage executed at the Br. Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of February 1843.

Kinds of Bullion	Weight after Melting		Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	15.	35	16.	508	307.	12	307.	12
Amalgam	42.	77	43.	623	811.	59	811	59
Bar	15.	18	15.	011	279.	27	279.	27
Do	17.	63	15.	384	286.	21	286.	21
Do	25.	05	25.	355	471.	72	471.	72
Amalgam	8.	15	8.	530	158.	70	158.	70
Amalgam & Bar	62.	42	67.	384	1.253.	66	1.253.	66
Bar	7.	02	7.	066	131.	46	131.	46
Amalgam	25.	89	23.	098	429.	73	429.	73
Bar	27.	17	24.	452	454.	92	454.	92
Do	6.	88	7.	092	131.	94	131.	94
Do	9.	13	8.	488	157.	92	157.	92
Do	11.	04	10.	524	195.	80	195.	80
Do	9.	05	8.	948	166.	47	166.	47
Bar & Amalgam	13.	25	14.	176	263.	74	263.	74
Bar	16.	50	15.	454	287.	52	287.	52
Amalgam	4.	86	4.	870	90.	60	90.	60
Bars	6.	52	5.	903	109.	82	109.	82
Amalgam	219.	90	208.	772	3.884.	12	3.866.	92
Do	205.	59	192.	933	3.589.	44	3.589.	44
Do	7.	21	7.	353	136.	80	136.	80
Pieces & Amalgam	7.	54	7.	396	137.	60	137.	60
Bar	8.	37	7.	811	145.	32	145.	32
Do	31.	63	27.	225	506.	51	506.	51
Do	3.	83	4.	075	75.	81	75.	81
Do	9.	33	9.	276	172.	57	172.	57
Do	4.	57	3.	614	67.	24	67.	24
Amalgam	18.	93	17.	922	333.	43	333.	43
Bar & grains	89.	75	83.	435	1.552.	28	1.552.	28
Bars.	22.	39	19.	591	364.	47	364.	47
Carried forward	950.	90	911.	269	16.953.	78	16.936.	58

Statement of Deposites received and Coinage executed at the Br: Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of February 1843. Continued

	Weight after Melting		Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions.				Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
Amount brought forw.d	950.	90	911.	269	16.953.	78	16.936.	58	1843					
Bar	36.	04	29.	432	547.	57	542.	25	Feb.y	4	Half Eagles	2.333.	11.665.	
Do	5.	10	5.	326	99.	09	99.	09						
Do	20.	48	19.	114	355.	61	355.	61						
Do	10.	02	9.	663	179.	78	179.	78						
Do	35.	71	34.	354	639.	14	639.	14.						
	1.058.	25	1.009.	158	18.774.	97	18.752.	45				2.333.	11.665.	

Treasury Department
March 11. 1843.

Sir

I am a communication addressed to the President of the U States and by him referred to this Department, it is charged against Col. Gaither the Superintendent of the Branch Mint in N. Carolina that he resides, with his family, about 50 miles from Charlotte.

I will thank you to cause the necessary enquiries to be made to ascertain if such be the fact and, if so, whether any inconvenience is caused to those having transactions with the Mint in consequence of the distance of the Superintendent's residence.

I am very Respectfully
J. C. Spencer
Sec. of the Treasury.

R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia

From Sec. of Treasury.

March 11. 1843

Rec'd — 13. —

Mint Charlotte
March 13 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., on the subject of a charge made against Col B. L. Gaither, the superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, that he resides with his family about sixty miles from that town.

In compliance with your instructions, I will make immediate inquiries as to the truth of this allegation, and the inconveniences caused by the remote residence of him. In the mean while, however, it may be proper to state that I have been aware that Col. Gaither's family resided at a distance from Charlotte, and that he was occasionally with them, but his prompt attention to my frequent and constant correspondence, and the evidences which he has shown of being a vigilant officer, have led me to the conviction that his own residence is at Charlotte, and that he is not guilty of neglect of his official duties.

R. M. P.

The Hon. John C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Navy.

March 13. 1843.

Mint U.S.
March 13/43.

Sir,

I have this moving received your letter of the 7th inst., enclosing a report of the operations at your Mint for February.

The accompanying letter will show you the form which the charge against you has taken, and on which, no doubt, application has been made for your removal from office. I am glad that you abandoned your design of making a visit to Washington. The ~~natural~~ regular official course has been taken in the case by the President, and it is the course which I hope and believe will ~~suit best suit your~~ be most for your advantage.

R. M. P.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mt., Charlotte.

P.S. – The slip from your Melt No. 2, is reported to be 899 fine. – We sent you, on the 9th inst., thro' the Sec. of Treasury, a box containing annealing cups for Dr. Gibbon.

Col

B. S. Gaither,

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte.

March 13. 1843.

Mint Ms
March 13th 1843.

Sir,

I have received from the Secretary of the Treasury, a letter with regard to you, of which a copy is subjoined; and I have to pray that you will furnish me, at an early day ~~as practicable~~, with your reply as to the truth of the allegations made, accompanied, if practicable, with the certificates of two disinterested persons acquainted with the circumstances.

R. M. P.
Director.

To
B. S. Gaither, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

E Copy of Secretary's letter of March 11/43.

To
B. S. Gaither,
Supt. &c,
Charlotte.

March 13. 1843.

U States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 14 March 1843

Sir

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of yours of the 3d Inst inclosing me a copy of an Act of Congress approved 27 July 1843 relative to the respective duties in future of the Assayer Melter & Refiner and Coiner, with instructions as to the manner in which that Law should be put in ~~force~~ operation. I have conformed to the provisions of the Law, as far as possible, and hope to be enabled by the end of the present month to put it into full operation by with drawing all the precious metals from the possession of the former Melter & Refiner, and handing them over to the Coiner who is charged with that duty. Some of the Metals are in such a condition in the Refinery as to render it impracticable to cause the transfer forthwith, but it shall be done as soon as possible, and your instructions fully carried out.

I herewith inclose an assay slip from Melt No 3 of Gold Ingots reported fineness .900 weight $\frac{089}{1000}$ lbs Value $1.48.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

B. S. Gaither,
Sup. &c.
Charlotte.

March 14. 1843.

Rec'd — 20 — —

(B.)

Charlotte March 22 1843,

Col B S Garther,

Dear Sir

I chenfully comply with your request to state what I know concerning your residence in this village since you have had the appointment of superintendant of the Branch Mint.

I myself have always regarded you as residing here, and so have the other citizens of this community. You have been occasionally absent on visits of short duration to your family in Berks, but never in such a way as to impair your character as a resident. The duties of the establishment, over which you preside so far as they are known to myself, and understood by the community, have been faithfully performed, and I know the fact to be that in its management there is a general confidence by all persons as well those who are interested in the business of goldmining as others.

Very respetfully & truly
(Signed) James W. Osborn

over

(B)

We fully concur in the statement made by Mr O. in regard to the residence of Col G. and the interests of the mint at this place. — (Signed)

Jos: N. Wilson
C. I. Fox
Wm Davidson
James A. Johnson

(C.)

Charlotte N.C. 23 March 1843.

Dear Sir

Your note of yesterday (with a copy of a letter from the Hon'l the Secretary of the Treasury appended) has been received, and I very cheerfully comply with your request in giving what information I can relative to the matter of enquiry.

I deem it sufficient for your purpose simply to state, that since you have had the superintendance of the Mint at this place I have received and deposited for coinage at the same upwards of Fifty three thousand dollars in value of Gold Bullion from the Mining districts of Beeke & adjoining counties. This amount comprised necessarily a large number of separate deposits; and so far as I am aware, no complaints has ~~ever~~ been made, certainly none to myself, by any of the numerous depositors, of the least inconvenience having been suffered by them in consequence of your absence from the Mint

It may be pertinent to observe that the whole of the Bullion refered to, was sent to me under your care; and as safe opportunities for remitting Gold rarely occur between the districts named and this place, I apprehend that your occasional visits to those districts, have been of no inconsiderable advantage to the Miners operating there, as thereby they have obtained much earlier returns from the Mint than otherwise they would have had—

I am very respectfully your obt Servt

(Signed) J. L. Blackwood

Col B. S. Gaither,

(Late Agent of the Bank of the State of N.C.)

(B. & C.)

Rec.d March 30. 43.

(D.)

United States Branch Mint
Charlott N.C. 24th March 1843.

The undersigned, Coiner and Clerk, of the Branch Mint in this place, would respectfully express the opinion, that instead of the occasional absence of the Superintendant, being disadvantageous to any person having transactions at the Mints, they have been the means of bringing a large accession of Bullion to the Institution, which would otherwise have found its way to Rechtley for Coinage, or been taken by the Merchants in their periodical visits to the Northern Cities. So that a spurious Coinage to that extent would have obtained circulation, or the circulation of so much of the legal coin of the Country would have been entirely lost to this section of the Country - And having seen a statement made by Mr Osborn of March 22d - We fully concur in the truth of it statement.

(Signd)

John M Bolton, - Coiner
W. H. Strange Clk

E. ~~10~~

United States Branch Mint
Charlott N C 24th March 1843.

Sir

In conformity to your wish as expressed to me, in your note of yesterday's date, that I would give you "an official Statement of the various expenditures of the annual appropriations "made by Congress for this mint, each year from it's "commencement to the end of 1842, including the Wastage of Gold" - I respectfully submit the following statement, with the single remark, that the Amount charged in the Column under the "Wastage of Gold" is already included in the Amount, under the head of "Contingent Fund", and is merely placed here, to show the amount that have been charged against the "Contingent Fund", on account of "Wastage of Gold"

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
(Signed) W. J. Strange.

Date.	Contingent Fund.		Pay of Laborers.		Salaries, Officers & Clerk		Total each year.		Wastage of Gold.	
1837	$6,766	12	$1,572	10	$4,491	40	$ 12,829	62		
1838	8,922	11	3,356	30	6,000	00	18,278	41	$524	27
1839	6,768	84	3,216	32	6,000	"	15,985	16		
1840	4,674	92	3,200	25	6,000	"	13,875	17	439	76
1841	2,190	74	3,335	25	6,000	"	11,525	99	237	07
1842	1,860	11	3,210	75	6,000	"	11,070	86	408	62
	$31,182	84	$17,890	97	$34,491	40	$83,565	21	$1,609	72

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Amount of gold received & coined each year

	Received.		Coined.	
	Dollars,	cts.	Dollars,	cts.
1837 & 1838,	131,698	43	84,335	00
1839,	126,836	40	162,762	50
1840,	127,585	91	127,235	00
1841,	132,587	41	133,297	50
1842,	174,407	11	159,005	00
	693,115	28	666,635	00

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca 24th March 1843

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 13th Inst enclosing me a copy of a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury to yourself, informing you, that, "in a communication addressed to the President of the United States, and by him referred to this Department, it is charged against Col. Gaither, the Superintendent of the Branch Mint in North Carolina, that he resides with his Family about 60 miles from Charlotte", and in which he requests you to ascertain if such be the case, and if so "whether any inconveinience, is caused to those having transactions with the Mint."

I am pleased that this matter has assumed a tangible form, and that the President and Secretary of the Treasury have given me an opportunity of proving the negative of this false and groundless charge, which no doubt has originated from personal & private malice, or from some individual who is desirous of the Office for himself or his friend, and found it necessary, in order to effect his nefarious design, to trump up some charge against me, and thereby produce a false impression upon the mind of the President — and in all probability, it has been some person who has not been a depositor, nor had any transaction with the Mint.

In reply I pronounce the charge false in —

every Shape and form in which it can be presented, and I believe basely false.

I came into Office on the 18th of August 1841, and have been a resident of Charlotte from that day to this date. I removed my Family here, as soon thereafter, as convenience and the health of this place would permit, who remained during the Fall Winter & part of the Spring, & then returned to my former residence in Morgantown.— Since which time Mrs Gaither has preferred remaining the greater part of her time in the Society of her immediate relations & friends, and I have indulged her in that pleasure. I have however continued to reside in Charlotte, making occasional visits to my Family of very limited duration, except in the Months of August and September, when I was pretty generally absent, in consequence of the unhealthiness of this place. Fortunately for me, you have in your possession, evidence of my residence here, in the frequent official communications made to you by myself, copied by the Clerk of the Mint, and mailed at this place. Upon receiving my appointment of Superintendent, I immediately gave up my professional business upon my Circuit, and have declined practicing even in the Courts of this County, in order that I might steer clear of the remarks of envy and Malice.

I cannot conceive that any inconvenience has been caused to those having transactions at the Mint from my occasional absence, for I have always left Mr Strange the Clerk of the Mint in full possession of my Department

authorized to represent me in every particular.

My occasional visits to Morganton, have resulted in the increased quantities of Bullion deposited, and to the very great convenience of a large number of Depositors.

Morganton is situated immediately in the Gold region and the Miners and Dealers in gold have been in the habit of handing me their gold whenever they have met with me, without taking any receipt or guaranty for its return, but my integrity, and I have always deposited the same, in my own name, and sent them their coin, by the first opportunity.

The Bank at Morganton has done a large business in the purchase of Bullion, and I have always accomodated the Directory, by bringing their Bullion to the Mint. Upon reference to the Books, I find that I have brought to the Mint, upwards of One Hundred and seven thousand Dollars' worth of Gold Bullion for the accomodation of Depositors, and have been induced to incur this heavy individual responsibility, from a wish to restore confidence in the Institution and to render it useful to the Community. I have heard of no complaints or charges made against me from any individual who has had business with the Mint, or from any other source. You are aware of the fact, that I have met with difficulties in the discharge of my Official duties with the Officers of the Mint. One of which resulted in a challenge to Mortal Combat, but I am ready and willing to defend every Official act of my administration here, and fear not the Scrutiny of Malice itself.

I herewith enclose you the Certificates of the Coiner and Clerk of the Mint, and of as many other Gentlemen of this place as I deem necessary. They are all Gentlemen of high character, and implicit credence would be given to their Statement in this or any other Community where they are known. The Merchants who are the largest Depositors are absent at this time at Charleston, and the Northern Cities purchasing their Spring Supplies, but I will transmit you their Statement as soon as they return. I will go immediately to Morganton & send you the Statement of the Citizens of that place upon the Subject. I have taken the liberty of transmitting to you likewise the paper marked A which is an expose of my Administration in Comparison with that of my Predecessor, and exhibits an increase of Bullion and a diminution of expenses. and I will here remark that the item of "Pay of Labourers" for this year, will be still less by $400 than last.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Your Obt. servt.
(Signed) B. S. Gaither,
Superintendent.

To/
Dr. R. M. Patterson,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

From/ B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
March 24, 1843.
Rec'd " 30. —

A.

Assayers Office U.S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C. 31 March 1843

Sir,

In yielding up my office as Melter & Refiner there is one subject upon which I beg to real your attention — and having done so shall leave the matter entirely to your sense of justice.

When Mr. Robertson was discharged from this Mint, in consequence of declining, by my directions, to sign a receipt differing from the one I had certified — no official communication was offered to me by the Superintendent upon the subject — neither was there any consultation with me, as Melter & Refiner, how far the public service would suffer from the sudden discharge of an efficient workman under my direction. Mr Gaither set out for the mountains on the same day on which Robertsons discharge was written therefore he had received it, I had, therefore, no opportunity during the ensuing month of communicating with the Superintendant after I knew his intentions. The business of the Refining was then very urgent — and my other workmen sick — after consultation with Mr Bolton with regard to the usages of the Mint — and

being spared that Custom authorized a monthly notice – I reluctantly engaged Robertson to aid in the pressing duties of my department for that term.

When the Superintendent returned to Charlotte at the end of the month – he refused the payment of the wages fairly earned by Robertson under my charge – I therefore considered myself personally bound to pay the amount $58.50 from my own salary – for which I hold his receipt. If there was any fault in the transaction from first to last – it was mine and not Robertsons – as he acted under my order, and with every deference towards the Superintendent. And I could not consent to upon him his just wages.

If you think that I should endure the loss of this sum – I yield for the absolute decision of the Mint – I am perfectly satisfied to permit the affair to rest. I think I owe it to myself to refer the case for your action.

I am very respectfully

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

J. H. Gibbon
Assayer

From Dr. John H. Gibbon,
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
March 31. 1843.
Rec'd. April 8.

(Copy.)

U.S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.
April 1. 1843.

Sir,

Upon the 24 ult. I had the honor to transmit to you my reply to the Charges made against me, contained in the letter of the Sec. of Treas.y of the 11th, accompanied with the Statement of gentlemen of this place.

I have since received the additional enclosed Statements of the citizens of Morganton, and of the Agent of the Bank at that place, relative to the matter of inquiry, & by the next mail will send you the Statement of the principal Depositors of Lincolnton Co. Our Merchants have not yet ret.d, but I will send them Statements at as early a period as possible, and if necessary, I can send any number of Certificates that may be required, from gentlemen of the greatest respectability, having the falsity of the Charge.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
(Signed) W.J. Gaither,
Supt.

Dr. R.M. Patterson,
Director U.S. Mint,
Philad.a

(over.)

Synopsis of the Certificate referred to in the above letter.

That there has been much less delay since Mr. Gaither's superintendency, in assaying deposites at the Mint &c., than during that of his predecessor.

That confidence has been restored, in the Charlotte Mint, since Mr. G.'s appointment.

That the Officers of the Bank, Miners, Merchants, & all classes have entire confidence in Mr. G's integrity & Ability

That Pres. Tyler never made a better appointment &c.

Dated Bank of the State of No. Car.
Morganton Agency, 30th March, 1843.
(Signed) J. T. Avery, Agent.

That Mr. Gaither's residence, since his appointment, has been in Charlotte. That his occasional visits to the Mining districts have been of great advantage both to Miners & the Mint. That in consequence of this, large amts. now go to the Mint that formerly went to Beckton's. That they do not believe the B. Mint has suffered at all in consequence of his absence, but that

the deposits have thereby been materially increased.

Dated Morganton N.C.
March 30. 1824.

(Signed) R. C. Pearson,
Tho. Walton.
Wm. McEntire,
Jas. McKesson & Son.
Jas. C. Smith.
J. J. Erwin.
Thos. W. Scott.
C. M. Avery.
Wm. T. McWalton.
W. C. Erwin.
Jno. Burgin.
Tod. R. Caldwell.

From
B. S. Gaither,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
April 1. 1843
Rec'd. — 10. —

(Copy.)

U. S. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C. April 4. 1843.

Sir,

I sent you by the last mail Statements from the citizens of Morgantow, relative to the Charges against me, & herewith transmit you a similar one from the principal depositors at Lincolnton.

I hope that I have fully sustained the truth of my reply, & the falsity of the charge made against me, but if there is yet a shade of doubt remaining, I can forward any number of certificates from gentlemen of the most reputable Character. I regret that I have thus far been deprived of the statement of our Merchants who are still absent, & I suppose it will be required that you should report as soon as possible.

I do not know what is the custom in these matters, but I should be pleased to have on file in the Treasury Department, my reply, and all the evidence I have sent you, in order that the President & Secretary may see how groundless the charge is, & be induced thereby upon my application to give up the name of the author or authors of the same. I think in justice to me they should have given the author with the communication of the charge, & have let me have exposed the motive that stimulated the charge into

existence.

I have the honor to be, very respt.y,
your obedt. Servt.
(Signd) B. S. Gaither,
Supt.

Synopsis of Certificate above referred to.

That Mr. Gaither does reside at Charlotte, in the discharge of his duties; that though his family resides in Morganton, yet that his visits are brief & of no inconvenience to depositors, - Mr Strange being fully competent to act in his stead.

That Mr. G.'s visits to Morganton &c. have been a great convenience to miners & depositors by affording opportunities of sending & receiving gold.

That unlimited confidence is reposed in Mr. G. &c

Dated ~~Morganton~~ Lincolnton, N.C. April 1. 1843.

(Signd) C.C. Henderson, Merchant,
Jacob Bush, Gold Miner.
B.S. Johnson, Merchant
Wm. Slade.
Jacob Reinhardt, Merchant
P. Summey, Gold Miner.

From/ B. S. Gaither
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte,
N.C.

April 4. 1843
Recd " 10. "

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 4th April 1843.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you the paper marked A. showing the operations of this Mint for the Month of March, and the pleasure to inform you, that we have been enabled to put into operation the recent Act of Congress, transferring the duties of Melter & Refiner to the Coiner. — In doing so the operations of the Mint have been impeded, but to no great extent, and I hope and believe that the change will operate to the great convenience of ourselves, as well as to the additional accommodation of the Community — in getting prompt assays, and speedy payment for their Bullion.

In your letter of the 3d March you instruct me, to place all the Workmen but one in the service of the Coiner as such, and as acting Melter & Refiner. I fear this arrangement will operate as a very unequal distribution of labour among them, for the hand placed under the Assayer, would be idle two thirds of his time, and the other sometimes pressed with labour. — Our deposites come in very irregularly, and frequently it is not necessary to assay more than once a week. I have thought it would be best to place all the hands under the Coiner Melter & Refiner, upon a perfect equality, and to require of them to labour in each Department, but to give the Assayer paramount authority over any one of them that he may desire to assist him in his assays, and require that this hand should be subject to the Assayer's commands, whenever his services were required in the Assay Office.

One consideration, that has induced me to take this view of the subject is, that Mr Ferris, (whom the Assayer will wish to assist him in his Office) has more experience in the Refinery, than any one of the hands, and would

be of more service to the new Melter & Refiner in the Separating Room and in fact I beleive with his assistance, the new Melter & Refiner would get on with his new duties very well - but it will not do to take him from the Assayer entirely, for he is the hand that has always assisted him in the Assay Office. I shall however await your suggestions and instructions upon this subject.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/ B. S. Gaither, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
April 4. 1848.
Rec'd. — 10. —

March Report.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of March 1843.

Description of Bullion	Weight after Melting	Stan.d Weight Ozs. decs.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions		Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls. cts.
Bars & Amalgam	10. 55	9. 670	179. 90	179. 90	1843			
Bar ..	10. 62	9. 651	179. 55	179. 55	March	Half Eagles	3.805.	19.025.
Do	5. 70	5. 510	102. 51	102. 51				
Pieces & Amalgam	5. 50	4. 888	90. 94	90. 94				
Bars	25. 20	24. 306	452. 21	452. 21				
Amalgam	83. 75	85. 859	1.597. 37	1.597. 37				
Do	8. 95	9. 127	169. 80	169. 80				
Amalgam & Bar	9. 25	9. 691	180. 29	180. 29				
Bars	24. 87	25. 851	480. 95	480. 95				
Do	22. 19	18. 366	341. 69	341. 69				
Amalgam Grains & Bars.	215. 85	203. 042	3.777. 50	3.777. 50				
Amalgam	9. 18	9. 485	176. 47	176. 47				
Do	13. 89	13. 626	253. 50	253. 50				
Bar	7. 83	8. 133	151. 31	151. 31				
Do	12. 29	12. 862	239. 29	239. 29				
Amalgam & Grains	12. 18	12. 910	240. 18	240. 18				
Bar	22. 36	10. 308	191. 77	188. 74				
Do	12. 41	12. 030	223. 82	223. 82				
Amalgam	13. 79	13. 835	257. 40	257. 40				
	526. 36	499. 150	9.286. 45.	9.283. 41			3.805.	19.025.

U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 5 April 1843

Sir

The new Melter & Refiner has just made his first melt of Gold Ingots, which the Assayer Reports at .900 5/ fine, but did not accompany his report with a slip as usual, and I immediately addressed him a note, (a copy of which is subjoined) requesting the slip that was in his possession to send to your Mint for verification, to which he gave me a verbal reply through Mr. Strange, that he could not comply with the request as the metal belonged to the Melter & Refiner — The Melter & Refiner called upon him for it, and he still declined — The Melter & Refiner then took a slip from the Ingots himself, which I herewith enclose weight $\frac{100}{1000}$ths of an Oz. reported fineness .900 5/ value $1.86. which I wish carefully assayed, and the fineness as well as the relative proportion of Silver and copper, reported, as soon as convenient. The Melter & Refiner is desirous, that this his first melt shall be tested, and I deem it important myself. This melt is made up from the fine Gold received from the former Melter & Refiner upon his own assay, some deposites and the clippings from the last melt — and by testing this melt, the accuracy of that assay will be tested, and the new Melter & Refiner, will then know that the metals delivered to him (that is the fine Gold and Silver) are really worth their reported value.

I can see no possible objection that the Assayer can have to this course, and was astonished that he should present the slightest obstacle — I will however forbear commenting upon his conduct, but leave you with the facts for your own inferences. I am truly glad that the recent act of Congress, has relieved me in a great measure from

Official intercourse with this Officer, for he appears not to know his true position in the Mint, nor the respect that is due to the other Officers.

I think that he should be required to continue to return me the assay slip with his report as usual, and to be accounted for by me in my settlement with the Melter & Refiner as formerly, and I think it will be most prudent, to send occasionally a slip from some of the Melts to your Mint to be tested as heretofore.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
B. S. Gaither
Superintendent

To
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

(Copy) U. S. Branch Mint
Charlotte 5 April 1843.

Sir

Melt No 4 being the first melt of Ingots made by the new Melter & Refiner, I am disposed to send an assay slip to Philadelphia, and have its accuracy tested, you will therefore please deliver me an assay slip from that Melt.

I am Yours respectfully
(signed) B. S. Gaither
Supt.

E. H. Gibbon Esq.
Assayer

From
B. J. Gaither,
Supr. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
April 5. 1843,
Recd " " 12. 1843,

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint Mark

April 5, 1843.

Sir,

In a letter to me of the 11th ult. you state that "in a communication addressed to the President of the United States, and by him referred to your Department, it is charged against Col. Gaither, the Superintendent of the Branch Mint in North Carolina, that he resides with his family about sixty miles from Charlotte;" and you ask me "to cause the necessary inquiries to be made to ascertain if such be the fact, and if so whether any inconvenience is caused to those having transactions with the Mint, in consequence of the distance of the Superintendent's residence."

In compliance with your instructions, I immediately wrote to Mr. Gaither, sending him a copy of your letter, and begging him "to furnish me with his reply as to the truth of the allegations made, accompanied with certificates from disinterested persons acquainted with the circumstances."

This reply I have received, under date of the 24th ult., with certificates from several individuals. Of these papers I have sent

enclosed, and you will see that they go to establish the following facts.

1st.— Col. Gaither came into office on the 18th of August 1841. ~~That~~ He removed his family to Charlotte soon afterwards, and they resided there with him during the ~~fall, winter~~ following autumn, winter, and Spring; but then ~~after~~ returned to their former residence in Morganton, where they have since ~~continually~~ remained. (A.)

2d.— Col. Gaither himself has continually resided a resident of Charlotte, and is so considered by the citizens of that place. (B. H.D.)

3d.— His ~~occasional~~ visits to his family in Burke County, which have been of very limited duration, except during the months of August and September, when he was "pretty generally absent in consequence of the unhealthiness of Charlotte." (A.)

4th.— ~~His absences have not been~~ During his occasional ~~absences~~ absences, he has always left his Clerk, Mr. W. F. Strange, "in full possession of his department, and authorized to represent him in every particular"; so that no interruption or delay of business has occurred. (A.) ~~(C.)~~

5th.— ~~During~~ By Col. Gaither's visits to Morganton, ~~he~~ which is in the midst of a great gold region, he has ~~had~~ attended to the

Miners and dealers opportunities of sending, safely, to the Charlotte Mint, for coinage, deposites of gold which he states to have to the have amounted to more than $107,000. (A.) A certificate from the Agent of the Bank of the State of North Carolina Strong that he had himself thus received, by the hands of Col. Gaither, and deposited for coinage, upwards of $53,000 in value of gold bullion. (C.) By this means, it is believed that a large accession of bullion has found its way to the Charlotte Mint, which would not otherwise have reached it. (D.)

4th. That Col. Gaither has the confidence of the community in which he resides and of the ~~from deposites~~ dealers in gold bullion appears from

5th. The certificates (B & D) go to show that Col. Gaither has the confidence of the community in which he resides, and of all persons who have business at the Mint. (B & D.)

7th. During his superintendence, the amount of deposites and of coinage has increased, while the expenses of the Mint have sensibly diminished. (E.)

To these statements I will merely add that my constant correspondence with Col. Gaither has led me to the conviction that he

is an attentive, vigilant, and able officer, and that his duties are faithfully performed.

R. M. P.
D

To/
Hon. John C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury.

N. B. – For papers referred to see Mr. Garther's letter rec'd March 30th, '43.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.
April 5, 1843.

(Endorsed)
(From/ R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint,
Philad.a April 5, '43.

Certain
Report upon ~~the~~ Charges preferred against Col. Gartner, Supt. Br. Mint, Charlotte, N.C.; viz: Residing 60 miles from the Mint, & Consequent Neglect of duty. Charges not sustained

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1844

Mint U. S.
Jan. 6. 1844.

Sir,

I send enclosed a statement of my account with your Mint for the quarter ending 30th ult., showing a balance to your credit on that date, of $159.58.

We sent you, on the 23d ult., through the Sec. of Treas'y, Box No. 1, - containing 1 pr. quarter-eagle dies for 1844; and on the 25th Box No. 2 - containing 1 pr. half-eagle dies. We have now ready for you, and shall send by successive mails, the following dies:

Box No. 3, Containing 1 pr. 1/4 eagles
" " 4, " 1 " 1/2 "
" " 5, " 1 " 1/4 "
" " 6, " 1 " 1/2

which I beg you to be careful to acknowledge.

The copper which you order shall be sent by the earliest opportunity.

Let me remind you to send, without delay, through the Sec. of Treas'y, the coins reserved at your Mint during the last year for the annual assay.

R. M. P.
D.

To
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Jan. 6. 1844.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca. 19 January 1844

Sir

Your letter of the 6th Inst was duly received inclosing a statement of the expenditures for this Mint in your City, for the Quarter ending 30th Ulto, having a balance in my favor of $159.58.

I have to acknowledge the receipt through the Secretary of the Treasury of Boxes Nos 1 & 2, One containing a pair of Half Eagle the other a pair of Quarter Eagle Dies, and inform you that I have caused to be destroyed by defacing One Half Eagle Head, two Quarter Eagle Heads and two Quarter Eagle tail Dies of last year, having in possession of the Coiner besides those just received one Quarter Eagle Tail, and two Half Eagle Tails as being still fit for use.

I have sent by to days mail to the Sec'y of the Treasury requesting him to forward to you, a small box containing One Half of the Coins reserved at this Mint for the annual assays, and shall in a day or two forward to you the other half by the same means of communication —

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
G. H. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From /

G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. &c.,
Charlotte.

Jan. 19. 1844
Rec'd. " 24. "

U. S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.
Feb. 22. 1844

Sir

Enclosed you will receive my Bond executed under my last Commission which you will please pass upon, and forward to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am Sir respectfully
Your Obt Sert.
G. W. Caldwell

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director Mint
Philadelphia

From G. W. Caldwell
Supt. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte.
Feb. 22. 1844
Recd. March 15. "

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 24 January 1844.

Sir

On the 19th Inst. I sent to you, through the address of the Secretary of the Treasury one half of the Coins reserved at this Mint for the annual assay, and to day through the same medium of communication, I send the other half, which I hope will arrive safe and in time.

I have this morning received four Boxes containing 2 pairs of half and 2 pairs of quarter Eagle Dies, which complete the number to be sent, as advised by your letter of the 6th Inst.

In looking over the file of letters in the Mint, I observed great dissatisfaction in yours of the 24 Feby 1843, at the excessive wastage in the Coiner's Department for the year 1842, and it is with regret that I have to inform you, that the same wastage has occurred for the last year, not only in the Coiner's Department, but in that of the Melter & Refiner.

Since the 1st January 1843 there have been delivered to Mr Bolton as Coiner 26.205.770 Ozs Stan.d Gold Bullion, and there have been received from him in Gold Coinage & Clippings 26.168.722 Ozs Stan.d being 37.048 Ozs less than were delivered to him, but within the limit for wastage by 2.259 Ozs.

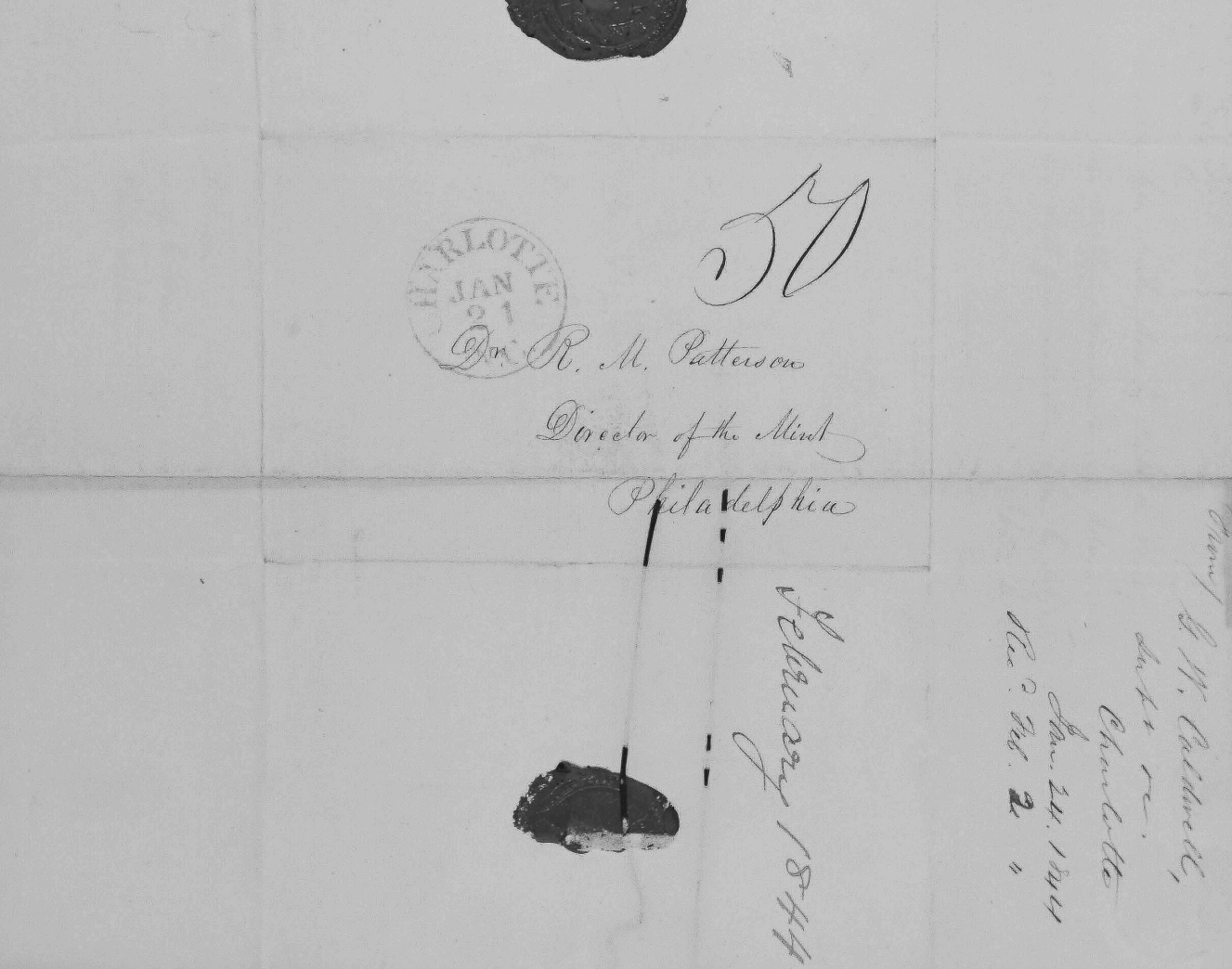
Since the 1 April 1843, there have been delivered to him as Melter and Refiner 23.434.858 Ozs Stan.d Gold Bullion, and there have been received from him 23.382.027 Ozs Stan.d being 52.831 Ozs less than delivered to him, and which after a full allowance for wastage leaves him still deficient 5.962 Ozs

This unprecedented wastage cannot be necessary in the operations of Coining, and therefore must have its origin either in gross negligence or dishonesty — there can be no other solution of the matter. He makes no effort

at explanation, neither does he doubt the honesty of the men in his employment. — Under these mortifying circumstances, I deem it my duty to leave his accounts open, and wait your instructions upon the subject.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Eatonwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia



From/ G. W. Caldwell,
Supt &c.
Charlotte
Jan. 24. 1844
Recd. Feb. 2 "

February 1844

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE
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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 2d February 1844.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing my Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of January last, marked A, by which you will perceive that rather a smaller quantity of Bullion had been received than for the several preceding Months, and that no Coinage had been executed, during the Month. I have delivered to the Coiner 902. 200 Dwt Stand Ingots which are in process of, and will be coined this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

On the 1st of November last I requested that 2 carboys of pure nitric acid for assaying, should be forwarded at your earliest convenience to ensure against delays in that department of our opera-
They have not come to hand, and I am informed that there is not more in the Mint than will suffice for a dozen assays. If they have not been forwarded be pleased to have them despatched with all convenient speed, as a stoppage in the assays necessarily deranges the operations in the other departments and causes great inconvenience to Depositors.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G.W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. U. S. Mint,
Charlotte.
Feb. 2. 1844.
Rec'd 9.

(January Report)

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of January 1844.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	4.	53	4.	550	84.	65	84.	65
Bar & piece	4.	49	3.	381	62.	90	62.	90
Bar	14.	23	12.	536	233.	23	233.	23
Do.	19.	05	16.	615	309.	12.	309.	12
Amalgam	16.	84	17.	962	334.	17	334.	17
Bar.	6.	92	7.	280	135.	44	135.	44
Bechtlers Coins	3.	81	3.	664	68.	17	68.	17
Amalgam & Bar	5.	12	5.	204	96.	82	96.	82
Bars	8.	26	8.	626	160.	48	160.	48
Do.	95.	13	96.	983	1.804.	33.	1.804.	33
Do.	40	04	27.	448	510.	66	504.	64
Do.	7.	80	7.	626	141.	88	141.	88
Do.	14.	14	13.	478	250.	75	250.	75
Do.	3.	81	3.	555	66.	14	66.	14
Amalgam	29.	70	30.	828	573.	54	573.	54
Do.	15.	80	15.	448	287.	40	287.	40
Bar	3.	96	4.	318	80.	33	80.	33
Bar & piece	13.	07	13.	702	254.	92	254.	92
Amalgam	24.	67	24.	928	463.	77	463.	77
Do.	5.	69	5.	985	111.	35	111.	35
Do.	3.	94	4.	114	76.	54	76.	54
Do.	10.	55	11.	170	207.	81	207.	81
Bars	23.	48	24.	036	447.	18	447.	18
Do.	24.	42	19.	345	359.	91	356	11
Bar & Amalgam	3.	42	2.	940	54.	70	54.	70
Amalgam	145.	88	141.	411	2.630.	90	2.630.	90
Bar	21.	43	22.	262	414.	18	414.	18
Do.	8.	20	7.	807	145.	25	145.	25
Do.	9.	10	8.	291	154.	25	154.	25
Amalgam & Bechtlers Coins	11.	53	11.	165.	207.	72	207.	72
Amalgam & Bars	79.	65	80.	999.	1.506.	95.	1.506.	95
	678.	66.	657.	657.	12.235.	44.	12.225.	62.

Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	Cts.
No Coinage executed this Month.			

Mint U.S.
Feb. 7 / 44.

Sir,

The two boxes of assay-coins announced in your letter of the 24th ult., have come safely to hand.

Let me observe that the assay-coins should be taken out after the deliveries to the Treasurer, so that their amount may appear in the monthly reports, and there exhibit the whole amount of the coinage.

I am disturbed by the account which you give me of Mr. Bolton's mintage. There can be no question as to the first step to be taken. The value of the 5.962 oz. of gold, by which his mintage as Melter & Refiner exceeds the limit of the law, must be ~~deducted from~~ paid by him out of his own ~~profit~~ funds, or deducted from the first salary that falls due to him. Unless you have some reasons, beyond mere surmise, for believing that the ~~act~~ deficiency, within the legal limits, was not a legitimate mintage, it must be allowed. We have no choice.

Then comes the question of the subsequent action. If, indeed, there be as you suppose, "this unprecedented mintage must have its origin either in gross negligence or dishonesty;" if "there can be no other solution of the matter;" then it will become my duty to lay the whole state of the case before the Department, and to ask upon it

that action which the President alone can take. Before this course shall be taken, I wish you to ~~answer some~~ for some further information from yourself.

Please to inform what has been the amount of gold subjected to the operation of parting, from the 1st of April 1843 to the end of the year.

Of this amount how much was ~~in~~ such small parcels as not to be parted for the benefit of the depositors? ~~but to~~

Were there the same workmen in the Melting & Refining department as were employed by Dr. Gibbons; and who are they?

Was this department superintended by Mr. Bolton, ~~with~~ personally and carefully? Did he give to it the same attention as to the Coining?

Are the operations of the two departments under Mr. Bolton's care frequently going on at the same time?

Is Mr. Bolton often absent from the Mint during working hours?

~~Is he in the habit of weighing carefully the~~ Is he in the practice of keeping memorandum accounts of all his official transactions, and of so managing his Mint business as to be able, from time to time, at short periods, to know the state of his accounts and responsibilities?

You told me that he says he has no suspicion of any of his men; and he formerly said

the same thing to Mr. Gaither. Pray tell me what is your opinion of his workmen. Have you any reason to suspect their honesty? Do they bear good characters out of doors? Do you know any of them to be addicted to drink, or to gambling?

Is Mr. Bolton much involved in debt at Charlotte? I know that, when here, he allowed his expenses to exceed his income.

Have you any other information to give me that may bear upon this painful subject?

The duty which we are called upon to perform is a very distressing one, but it is one of high obligation, from which we must not shrink.

R.M.P.

Dr. Mo

To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To

R. W. Caldwell Esq.
Asst. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N. C.

Feb. 7/44.

The Hall Branch Mint

Charlotte N.Ca 1 March 1844.

Sir

I have delayed an answer to your letter of the 7th Ulto in order that I might possibly obtain the information you desired in regard to Mr. Bolton's wastage of gold, but after all my enquiries the whole subject still remains unexplained.

I have however in conformity with your opinion allowed the wastage within the legal limits, though I still believe it was unnecessary, yet having no proof that would have justified me in refusing upon the ground that it was not legitimate. In answer to your question as to the amount of gold subjected to the operation of parting from 1st April 1843, to the end of the year, and also of which Amount, how much was made up of such parcels as not to be parted for the benefit of depositors. There have been delivered to Mr. Bolton 6.334 $\frac{408}{1000}$ Ozs Stand. Gold for separation, of which 837 $\frac{269}{1000}$ Ozs have been parted for the benefit of Depositors Yielding 375 $\frac{451}{1000}$ Ozs Stand. Silver.

You ask if the workmen are the same in the Melting & Refining Department as were employed by Dr. Gibbon, and who are they? They are the same with the addition of John Riglar and John Frazier, who, before the transfer of the Melting and Refining Department to Mr. Bolton were exclusively under the charge of the Coiner. They were all originally from Phila. with the exception of Frazier who was born and raised in this County and who fills the place vacated by Alexr. Robertson (Blacksmith) You also ask whether Mr. Bolton superintends his Departments personally & carefully? He gives his personal attention to both as much to the one as to the other, but I think with less diligence and care than is consistent with his duties. As respects both departments under his care going on at the same time — I should say very seldom, if ever. In answer to your question whether Mr. Bolton is often absent during working hours, I think

not— he is generally with his men while at work.

With regard to his keeping memorandum of all his official transactions— It seems he has heretofore kept none at all, and even his books impart but little information as to the state of his accounts and responsibilities. You desire my opinion upon the private character of his men. I have made an examination of the matter, and I have no reason to suspect the honesty of any of his men. They all sustain good character out of doors, none of them addicted to drink or gambling except Ferree who has gambled a little, but has abandoned the vice— He is an intelligent active man and does his work with great neatness and dispatch. Andrew Erwin the Melter is an industrious hard working man, and I have no doubt in the world of his honesty. John Rigler is a nephew of M. Bolton, and I have no reason to suspect his honesty though he is rather careless in his work. John Frazier (Blacksmith) as I before stated was raised in this County and has always sustained a good character.

Now as to M. Bolton's indebtedness in this place, all that I can say is that he has obtained his certificate of discharge of Bankruptcy— He always has been since here, hard pressed and in sorrow, his Family is large and very extravagant.

M. Bolton is a man of strange temperament— he seems to be destitute of proper sensibility— cold, silent and indifferent even about things touching his private character. I have been unable to extract a word of explanation from him, upon this painful subject, he manifests but little concern about it. I presume you know his character full as well as I do. I have adopted a rule which requires him to settle every month, and make an exhibition of the metals in his hands, and also keep memorandum accounts of all his official transactions, and his books in a better manner. His report of this Monday for the last Month shows the utility of this rule,— the wastage in the last Month on the Coinage was nearly to nothing in comparison with the wastage heretofore— And I entertain the hope that of his wastage had its origin in negligence that he will hereafter discharge the duties of his office with more care and fidelity

and prevent the occurrence of such a painful state of things again, for an acquiescence in this continuous deficiency at the end of every year without an explanation, will be not only injurious to innocent men under his charge, but prejudicial to the Mint itself. The above I believe is all the information that I have bearing on the subject and leave the matter with you to dispose of it as you may deem right and proper.

The Articles stated in your letter of the 17 Ult^o we had received, and suspected that the seven carboys were all of common nitric acid as no mark was upon any one of them to distinguish it from common acid, except one with the mark ☞ which upon trial was found not to be so good as even some of the others, consequently we have been unable to assay for the last two weeks and you will find upon reference to my Monthly report accompanying, that we have received a large quantity of Bullion for last month, and that the larger part remains still unassayed. Hereafter would it not be well to have the pure acid labelled "for the Assayer". We expect daily to receive the one last shipped for until it does arrive every thing is perfectly stationary in our operations, as Dr. Gibbon refuses to assay with any acid that is now here, having no mark to indicate that it is pure.

Inclosed you will receive my Monthly Report for Feby last.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Ob^t Servt
G. M. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

G. W. Caldwell
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
March 1. 1844
Recd. " 6. "

(Feb. report in part.)

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint in Charlotte N.C. during the Month of February 1844

Descriptions of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	decs	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	decs.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bars	25.	22	25.	369	471.	98	471.	98
Do.	6.	87	6	547	121.	80	121.	80
Amalgam	17.	35	16.	964	315.	61.	315.	61
Bar	8.	41	8.	550	159.	07	159.	07
Do	30.	50	24.	907	463.	39	458.	61
Do.	38.	10	25.	950	482.	80	477.	05
Do	9.	58	9.	706	180.	58	180.	58
Do	11.	65	12.	581	234	06	234	06
Amalgam	9.	92	8.	622	160.	41	160.	41
Do	36	58	37.	756	702.	44	702.	44
Do	17.	99	19.	607	364	78	364.	78
Do	25.	22	25.	499	474.	40	474.	40
Do.	6.	05	6	398	119.	03	119.	03
Bar	10.	74	11.	072	205.	99	205.	99
Amalgam & Bars	72.	84						
Amalgam Dust & Bars	38.	20						
Amalgam	48.	00	52.	106	969.	41.	969.	41
Do	136.	10	145.	595	2.708.	75	2.708.	75.
Bar & piece	16	30						
Amalgam	8.	38						
Bar	9.	56						
Amalgam	4.	68						
Do	18.	15						
Do.	9.	35						
Do	10.	96						
Do.	136.	73						
Do.	51.	45						
Do.	722.	35						
Bar	22.	07						
Bar & piece	8	91						
Carried forward	1.568.	21.						

Halement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of February 1844.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions		Coinage Denomination	Nr. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Brought forward	1.568.	21					1844				
Bar	6.	37					February 5.	Half Eagles	1.910.	9.550.	
Do	8.	32					21.	Do	2.120.	10.600.	
Amalgam	51.	13									
Bar	6.	14									
Amalgam & Bechtlers Coins	7.	90									
Bar	40.	44									
Amalgam & pieces	11.	40									
Bar	10.	00									
Do	9.	66									
Amalgam	4.	73									
Do	6	82									
Bar & Amalgam	9.	23.									
Amalgam & Bars	55.	56.									
	1795.	91.							4.030.	20.150.	
Deduct	55.	56	with drawn by Depositor as he could not wait for assay—								
	1740.	35.									

Mint of the United States.
March 6, 1844.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 1st. inst., with the report for February.

As to that part of your communication which has regard to Mr. Bolton, I will write at another time; but I cannot now withhold the expression of my surprise, that Dr. Gibbon should have seen fit to put a stop to the operations of the Charlotte Mint, and to make it necessary to return a portion of the bullion to the depositors, because he was not satisfied with the purity of a carboy of nitric acid, sent to him as chemically pure, (C.P.) Now it is really of very slight importance whether this acid was of absolute purity or not. The means of purifying it were entirely at Dr Gibbon's command, and I cannot understand why he did not make use of them.

I presume that the only foreign agent in the said carboy was muriatic acid. This is easily thrown down by nitrate of silver. There then remains pure nitric acid, with chloride of silver, and a portion of nitrate of silver. The chloride, being an insoluble salt, subsides to the bottom of the vessel, after a sufficient time; and then the liquid is decanted. It is now the only way I am aware of to separate the nitric acid, from the liquid nitrate of silver, and this is done by distillation. The apparatus used for this process was entirely new furnished to Dr Gibbon, and I presume he still has it in his possession.

and which I presume he still has in his possession.

In truth this process of purification ought to be constantly practised by the gun Assayer, as it is by all the others. At this Mint, the acid employed in assaying is used over again and again. The silver is thrown down by muriatic acid, but so as still to leave some nitrate of silver, and the process is then conducted as above. The economy of this course is so great, that I consider it to be Dr Gibbon's duty to pursue it. I will give you a striking evidence on this question of economy, by stating the fact, that when the Dahlonega Mint first went into operation, one carboy of pure nitric acid was sent to it, and that it is still the only one. So your Mint there have been ten carboys sent, costing together about $500.

At this Mint the Assayers use something less than one carboy of nitric acid in a year, but the loss of acid is almost exclusively in the humid assay of silver. In the assay of gold, there is scarcely any loss ultimate loss, except by the evaporation that takes place in the matrasses, from the boiling acid. I must mention, moreover, that our Assayers never buy pure acid from the Chemists, but take the common parting acid, which is at one-fifth of the price.

and purify it for themselves.

In this view of the whole matter, I am sorry to feel myself impelled to the conclusion, that Dr. Gibbon is responsible for all the inconvenience that has arisen at your Mint, from the interruption in the assays.

R. M. P.

To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

P.S. — If Dr. Gibbon is without the retort, receiver, &c., required for distillation, I beg that you will let me know, and the necessary apparatus shall be immediately sent to him.

As soon as all the deposits of Feb. shall have been assayed, I beg you will report to me their amount to enable me to complete my monthly report to the Department.

To/
C. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

March 6/44.

March 1844

Mint of the U. S.
March 15, 1844

Sir,

I have the honor to send herewith the official bond of G. W. Caldwell, Supt. of the Br. Mint at Charlotte, with the certificate, required by law that it is to my satisfaction.

R. M. P.
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To/
Hon. Jno. C. Spencer,
Sec. of Treasury.

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

March 15, 1844.

United States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 15 March 1844

Sir,

As Assayer of this Mint the means of purifying nitric acid by distillation have never been at my command. When, in 1837, I made a requisition for glass tubes of proper size to connect the retorts & receivers — which were sent — I suggested a difficulty which might arise from accidental breakage in a position where no immediate means of repair were accessible — Pure acids has always been furnished to us — but no glass tubes.

Just before I left the Mint in Philadelphia some changes were decided upon in the process used for assaying gold. My instructions, written from the mouth of the Chief Assayer, & read to him before my departure, were — that I must always use fresh acid in assaying by the new process — transferring that containing nitrate of silver to the refinery — As no other instructions have been communicated to me upon this subject, the economy in acids, which appears to be practised at the other mints, was not made here.

From the alterations in the original distribution of the appartments I have no room fitted for a laboratory.

On the 1 November 1843 The Superintendent made a

requisition for two carboys of pure acids - in order to prevent delays - and about the same time, 12 carboys were ordered for the refinery. During the winter 7 carboys of nitric acid were received. Carefully examined by the Superintendent and the clerk - and also by the workmen who assisted in lifting them from the waggon. The word PURE, (which has hitherto distinguished every carboy of acid designed for the Refinery,) not being apparent - they were supposed to be part of the acid required by the Refiner - & he began to use them.

No report was made to me of the arrival of pure acid. When it became evident that my supply would be exhausted I enquired meanings of the results - I was then told that a letter had been received stating that a carboy of pure acid was forwarded with 6 carboys for the refinery. I directed samples to be taken from each of the 4 remaining carboys - 3 having been already used. The tests of nitrate of silver & the nitrate of lead & boracic - to which they were subjected acted in the same manner upon all of them. In the opinion of the Superintendent, before whom the tests were made, the precipitation of chloride by the nitrate of silver showed a shade stronger in the carboy, marked NITRIC ACID 109 C.P., than in the others. The other tests caused no evident change in any of them. Indeed we had never before seen such good acids sent for the refinery.

If we had been advised of the novel designation

under the hieroglyphic of C.R. The Superintendent would at once have informed me of the arrival of my aide — But no one chanced upon the meaning of the new title. and, indeed, the cowboys were so chafed in the carriage that a more extended description would be useful for so long a journey.

While these things were going on your letter was received instructing us that you had forwarded a second cowboy of your aide — which we know to have been in Columbia S.C. on the 28 Feby. whence waggons are daily arriving — I therefore thought it my duty to await an answer to the letter I urged should be immediately written to you with regard to the works on the cotton — or for the arrival of the second cowboy — before hazarding the use of an equivocal implement. The last sprays made with the old aid were reported on the 15 Feby. All the deposits made since that time, with a single exception, have now been sprayed — & all who required it, have been paid. Until I read your letter of the 6th which the Superintendent requested I would answer, I did not know that any complaint had been made in consequence of a delay which appeared unavoidable — The only case in which bullion was returned was to a merchant going directly to Philadelphia whose deposit was returned at his own request — after the monthly account was made up — It was therefore deducted from it — or otherwise, I am told, would not have been brought to your notice.

I feel conscious of no neglect of duty, on

nor do I think I am entitled to responsibility in matters over which I have no control.

I am very respectfully,

J. H. Gibbon
Assayer.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Thanks Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer Dr. Mint,
Charlotte.
March 15, 1844
Rec. " 26. "

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 20 March 1844

Sir

I now have the honor of sending you my Report for the Month of February completed – in order to save you the trouble of making the additions to my incomplete one of the 1st Inst., I have caused it to be made out in as full a manner as if none had been previously sent.

All that is wanting "to ensure us against such delays" as we experienced last Month, is a set of tubes for the Retort & Receiver which we have in the Mint for the distillation of acid.

It appears that the tubes accompanying the Retort are all of the same calibre, so that they will not fit into each other. The Retort is of the same size as that used in your Mint, so a similar set will answer the Retort & Receiver here. – And in order to provide against accidents would it not be well to send a double set of connecting tubes

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
G.W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From G. N. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte. N.C.

March 20. } 1844.
Rec'd " 26. }

February Report.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States, Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of February 1844.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bars	25.	22	25.	369	471.	98	471.	98
D.o	6.	87	6.	547	121.	80	121.	80
Amalgam	17.	35	16.	964	315.	61	315.	61
Bar	8.	41	8.	550	159.	07	159.	07
D.o	30.	50	24.	907	463.	39	458.	61
D.o	38.	10	25.	950	482.	80	477.	05
D.o	9.	58	9.	706	180.	58	180.	58
D.o	11.	65	12.	581	234.	06	234.	06
Amalgam	9.	92	8.	622	160.	41	160.	41
D.o	36.	58	37.	756	702.	44	702.	44
D.o	17.	99	19.	607	364.	78	364.	78
D.o	25.	22	25.	499	474.	40	474.	40
D.o	6.	05	6.	398	119.	03	119.	03
Bar	10.	74	11.	072	205.	99	205.	99
Amalgam & Bars	72.	84	72.	824	1.354.	86	1.354.	86
Amalgam Dust & Bars	38.	20	36.	349	676.	26	676.	26
Amalgam	48.	00	52.	106	969.	41	969.	41
D.o	136.	10	145.	595	2.708.	75	2.708.	75
Bar & piece	16.	30	10.	250	190.	70	188.	30
Amalgam	8.	38	8.	770	163.	16	163.	16
Bar	9.	56	9.	824	182.	77	182.	77
Amalgam	4.	68	5.	078	94.	47	94.	47
D.o	18.	15	17.	523	326.	01	326.	01
D.o	9.	35	9.	983	185.	73	185.	73
D.o	10.	96	11.	846	220.	39	220.	39
D.o	136.	73	134.	223	2.497.	17	2.497.	17
D.o	51.	45	54.	764	1.018.	87	1.018.	87
D.o	722.	35	682.	890	12.704.	93	12.704.	93
Bar	22.	07	20.	156	375.	00	375.	00
Bar & piece	8.	91	7.	067	131.	48	131.	48
Carried forward	1.568.	21	1.518.	774	28.256.	29	28.243.	36

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of February 1844.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions			Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Amount brought forward	1.568.	21	1.518.	774.	28.256.	29	28.243.	36.	1844				
Bar	6	37	6	135	114.	14	114.	14	Feby 5.	Half Eagles	1.910.	9.550.	
Do	8.	32	8.	642.	160.	78	160.	78	21.	Do	2.120.	10.600.	
Amalgam	51.	13	50.	408	937.	82.	937.	82					
Bar	6.	14.	4.	645.	86.	42.	86.	42					
Amalgam & Bechtlers Coins	7.	90	8.	145	151.	54	151.	54					
Bar	40.	44	27.	408	509.	92	503.	85					
Amalgam & pieces	11.	40	10.	145	188.	75.	188.	75					
Bar	10.	00	8.	977	167.	01	167.	01					
Do	9.	66	7.	942	147.	76	147.	76					
Amalgam	4.	73	4.	166	77.	51	77.	51					
Bar	6.	82	6.	757	125.	71.	125.	71					
Bar & Amalgam	9.	23.	8.	695.	161.	77.	161.	77					
	1.740.	35	1.670.	839.	31.085.	42.	31.066.	42.			4.030.	20.150.	

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 1st April 1844

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing you my Report of the Operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of March last, paper marked A.

The Melter & Refiner requests me to remind you that on the 29th April last, he requested that 3 large stone ware precipitating Pars should be sent of which he stands much in need, and since that time, that he has requested, that 4 separating Pars, 4 Horns and 4 pipes for the Refinery should be sent, of which he also stands in much need: in addition to the above he now requests that you will send 2 Casks of small sand crucibles (say six to the nest) and 12 Carboys of Nitric acid.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte ~~Dahlonega~~.
April 1. 1844.
Rec'd " 8. "
March report.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of March 1844

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dec	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions
Bar	4.	85	4.	708	87.	60	
Do	9.	20	9.	485	176	47	
Do.	5.	37	5.	440	101.	21	
Do.	5.	04	4.	988	92.	80	
Do.	18.	33	19.	265	358.	42	
Amalgam	35.	62	38.	434	715.	05	
Do.	28.	30	28.	990	539.	35	
Do.	62.	30	64.	871	1. 206.	90	
Bars	56.	47	58.	569	1. 089.	66	
Amalgam	6	15	6.	423	119.	50	
Bar	15.	96	17.	235	320	65	
Amalgam	11.	53	11.	530	214.	51	
Bar	8.	09	7.	513	139.	78	
Do.	4.	65	4.	478	83.	31	
Do.	5.	75	4.	432	82.	46	
Amalgam	18.	78	18.	506	344.	30	
Do.	46.	23	46.	845	871.	53	
Pieces	4.	59	4.	181	77.	79	
Bar	6.	23	5.	592	104	04	
Amalgam	6.	68	7.	108	132.	24	
Bar	4.	71	4.	196	78.	06	
Amalgam	27.	10	25.	082	466.	64	
Do.	10.	50	8.	446	157.	13	
Do	17.	63	16.	943	315.	22	
Bar	7.	65	7.	990	148.	65	
Amalgam	5.	40	5.	285	98.	32	
Do.	106	10	107.	759	2. 004.	82	
Do.	20.	22	20.	466	380.	69	
Bars	23.	76	24.	339	452.	82	
Do.	6.	90	6.	446	119.	92	
Carried forward	590.	09	595.	545	11. 079.	84	

No Deductions

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of March 1844

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stand. Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions			Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
Amount brought forward	590.	09	595.	545	11.079.	84			1844				
Amalgam	234.	77	251.	193	4.673.	36			March 21.	Half Eagles	1.743.	8.715.	
Do	96.	50	92.	211	1.715.	55			27.	Do	2.079.	10.395.	
Do	123.	38	121.	170	2.254.	31							
Bar	11.	91	11.	127	207.	01							
Amalgam	6.	48	6.	708	124.	80							
Pieces & Amalgam	8.	06	8.	336	155.	10							
Do	5.	71	5.	100	94.	88							
Bars	12.	47	12.	446	231.	55							
	1.089.	37	1.103.	836	20.536.	40					3.822.	19.110.	

No Deductions

Mint of the United States,
April 6, 1844.

Sir,

I send enclosed my account with you for the quarter just ended, showing a balance to your credit, April 1st, of $566.65.

We have taken measures to have a distilling apparatus prepared for your Mint, & it shall be forwarded as soon as it is finished.

I duly received your's of the 22d ult. enclosing your new bond. I added to it my certificate of approval, ~~to it~~ & sent it to the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have had my attention directed towards devising some system for keeping an account of the various transactions of your Coiner & of the wastage resulting. – I have caused a form to be prepared, which I send enclosed, adapted to the operations of coining, & if, upon careful examination, you think it will cover the transactions of your Mint, & effect the object desired, viz. keeping the wastage within bounds, I will have a book prepared & sent to Mr. Bolton. ~~It seems to me that~~ May not every thing ~~may~~ be printed except the figures?

You will observe that the columns under the head of Weighings are entirely subsidiary to the account, & are placed here to avoid the necessity of a preliminary Weighing-book. ~~It~~

The whole is designed to enable the Coiner to keep an account of his own doings, & to judge of the propriety of the loss on each operation. The example given is taken from the Weigh-book of our Coiner. —

I hope soon to send a similar form for the Melting & Refining operations. I shall be happy to receive from you any suggestions. —

R. M. P.

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To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.,
Supt Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To G. W. Caldwell
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

April 6, 1844.

April 1844

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 17th April 1844

Sir

Your favor of the 6th inst was duly received, enclosing your account with me for the first Quarter of 1844 showing a balance to my credit of £566. 65.

I approve very much of the form you enclosed, of a system, for Keeping an account of the various transactions of the Coining Department, and as far as I am able to judge, it is perfectly adapted to effect the object designed — the Keeping of the Wastage within reasonable bounds; for if at any time, his book shews an unusually large wastage, it will be the duty of the Coiner to report the fact, that an examination may be had immediately, if he does not so report, the blame must necessarily be borne by himself, until satisfactorily accounted for.

I have since the commencement of the year, adopted a rule, of making a monthly examination of the state of the precious metals in the vaults of the Coiner, & Melter & Refiner, and at the end of the Quarter, of having an absolute delivery, the same as at the end of the year, with a most beneficial result so far, which added to an examination of their Books, at the same time, will preclude the possibility of any attempt at substituting a larger wastage than really occurs.

Since the commencement of the year I have delivered to the Melter & Refiner 4,700 $\frac{052}{1000}$ Ozs all of which has been accounted for with the exception of about 2 Ozs and which I have no doubt could be recovered from her sweeps, or very nearly so.

In the same space of time I have delivered to the Coiner 4,654,650 Ozs Stand. Bullion, all of which has been also

~~has~~ accounted for in the like satisfactory manner, 1¼ Oz only, being the deficiency a portion of which no doubt, can and will be recovered from his sweepings, wax, saw dust &c

It affords me pleasure to make the above satisfactory statement of the operations of the Coiner & Melter & Refiners and I will feel glad when the Books you design sending, shall arrive, in order to add another check to any accident or error that might have a tendency to mar the present favorable state of their accounts. I agree with you in thinking that every thing may be printed except the figures.

The Melter & Refiner requests that four copper drying Pans, two for gold and two for Silver, be forwarded as soon as possible it being some considerable time, since they were ordered, and he is very much in need of them — He wishes also 2 Carboys of Sulphuric acid to be forwarded at the same time.

On the 3d Inst I forwarded a requisition for some precipitating & separating Pans, Horns & pipes, for 2 casks small sand crucibles, and for 12 Carboys of nitric acid. — it appears to me that we use a large quantity of nitric acid, but I cannot say an unnecessary quantity, as I do not know what quantity may be required for the Refinery, and should be glad to receive from you any suggestions as to a more economical use of it, if it can be done.

I will thank you to send for my Office a Bullion Weigh Book, and a day Book — the day Book ruled with the dollar & cent lines is intended to enter the daily transactions of the Mint, such as the transfer of Bullion from one Officer to another, the payment of Depositors &c

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R. M. Caldwell. Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/ G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
April 17. 1844.
Rec'd. " 22. "

Statement of Deposits of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of April 1844.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dcs.	Stand Weight Ozs.	dcs	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions
Bars, Amalgm. Bechtler's & Sovereigns	134.	44	124.	364	2. 313. 76	2. 313. 76
Amalgam	7.	78	7.	008	130. 38	130. 38
Bar	5.	17	5.	342	99. 39	99. 39
Amalgam	22.	75	22.	509	418. 77	418. 77
Do.	11.	23	11.	054	205. 66	205. 66
Do.	12.	10	12.	475	232. 10	232. 10
Bars	39.	55	32.	122	597. 62.	591. 44
Do.	15.	95	14.	194	264. 07	264. 07
Bar & Amalgam	14.	81	15.	068	280. 34	280. 34
Bar	5.	96	5.	482	101. 99	101. 99
Do.	38.	35	26.	076	485. 13.	479. 37
Do.	7.	29	6.	045	112. 46	112. 46
Amalgam	16.	45	15.	736	292. 76	292. 76
Bars	6.	16	6.	160	114. 60	114. 60
Do.	34.	88	28.	931	538. 26	538. 26
Pieces	5.	48	3.	001	55. 83.	55. 83
Bars & Amalgam	66.	12	72.	172	1. 342. 73.	1. 342. 73
Amalgam	34.	18	35.	432.	659. 20	659. 20
Do.	4.	58	4.	803	89. 36	89. 36
Bars	10.	12	10.	321	192. 02	192. 02
Do.	5.	65	5.	222	97. 15	97. 15
Do.	6	75	5.	541	103. 09	103. 09
Do.	32.	42	28.	853.	536. 80	536. 80
Bars & Amalgam	21.	60	20.	149.	374. 86	374. 86
Bar	6.	41	6.	772	126 00	126 00
Amalgam	42.	60	43.	687	812. 78	812. 78
Do.	6	55	6.	665	124. 00	124 00
Do.	10.	82	11.	565	215. 16	215. 16
Do.	8.	02	8.	411	156 50	156 50
Bars & Bechtler's Coins	123.	86	123.	655	2. 300 57	2. 300 57
Carried forward	858	03	718.	815.	13. 373. 34.	13. 361. 40.

Statement of Deposits of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of April 1844

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	decs.	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	decs.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions			Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
Amt. brought forward	858.	03	718.	815.	13.373.	34	13.361.	40	1844.				
Amalgam + Bars	21.	85	22.	340	415.	62	415.	62	April 3.	Half Eagles	2.139.	10.695.	
Bechtlers + Sovereigns	6.	30	6.	160	114.	60	114.	60	17.	Do	2.741.	13.705	
Bar	11.	46	9.	510	176.	93	176.	93	30.	Quarter Eagles	3.975.	9.937.	50
Do	5.	03	5.	135	95.	53	95.	53					
Do	5.	88	6.	113	113.	73	113.	73					
Do	7.	00	6.	743	125.	45	125.	45					
Bars + Amalgam	196	53	182.	334	3.392.	26	3.360.	49					
Bar	8.	22	8.	967	166.	83	166.	83					
Do	5.	75	4.	484	83.	42	83.	42					
Do	9.	77	10.	421	193.	88	193.	88					
Do	4.	65	4.	504	83.	80	83.	80					
Do	18.	49	19.	467	362.	16	362.	16					
Amalgam	14.	68	14.	123	262.	75	262.	75					
Do	6.	34	6	183	115.	03	115.	03					
Bechtlers Coins	20.	47	19.	354	360.	07	360.	07					
Bar	5.	01	5.	076	94.	44	94.	44					
Do	8.	51	8.	433	156.	90	156.	90					
Amalgam	8.	40	7.	736	143.	92	143.	92					
Bars	5.	01	5.	132	95.	48	95.	48					
Do	29.	85	30.	999	576.	73	576.	73					
Do	15.	20	15.	604	290.	30	290.	30					
Do	5.	95	5.	756	107.	09	107.	09					
	1178.	38.	1123.	389	20.900.	26	20.856.	55			8.855.	34.337.	50

2,139
2,741
4,880 24,400

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 1 May 1844

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing you my Report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the month of April last, paper marked A.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

May 1. 1844,
Rec'd. & Ans.

May 1844

Mint U.S. May 13. 44.

Sir,

An absence from the city has prevented my earlier acknowledgment of the rect. of your letter of the 17 ult.; and I have now little more to say than that your several requisitions have been taken charge of by my clerk, Mr Downing, will be duly attended to.

The low average title of the gold deposited at your mint puts you under the necessity of so constant a resort to the process of parting, that your large consumption of acid is not to be avoided. At least I do not know that there is any reason to believe that it is excessive. At the Dahlonega Mint, on the other hand, scarcely any parting is necessary, the average fineness of their deposites being about 950 millièmes.

I am very happy to learn that, in consequence of your vigilance, systematic & frequent examination into the state of the bullion, the Wastage has been reduced to its legitimate limit. When we send you the printed forms for the Coiner's workings, your task will be facilitated, & the accountability still better enforced.

R. M. P.

G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. &c.,
Charlotte.

To/ G. A. Caldwell,
Supt of Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

May 13. 1874.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 31 May 1844

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing you my report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the current Month in paper marked A.

Would it not be well to urge upon the Committee of Ways & Means the necessity of passing the appropriation for $1.000 for recovering the Roof of this Mint? The Roof is nearly finished, and if the appropriation be not passed at this Session, it will operate as a very great hardship upon the Contractor who is a poor Man and cannot lay out of his money till the next Session of Congress.

I am informed there are several fire proof paints, or cements, for protecting shingle Roofs; would you be kind enough to send us a sufficiency of any such as you may approve of. I will also thank you to send for the Melter & Refiner at your earliest convenience 10 or 12 lbs of corrosive sublimate.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
G.W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

May 31. 1844
Rec'd. June 6.

May Report.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of May 1844.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Oz.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Oz.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Amalgam	115.	45	119.	938	2.231.	40	2.231.	40
Bars & Amalgam	6.	53	5.	737	106.	73	106.	73
Amalgam	51.	10	55.	195	1.026.	88	1.026.	88
D.o	35.	40	36.	146	672.	48	672.	48
Bars	6.	59	6.	683	124.	32	124.	32
Amalgam	722.	49	668.	809	12.443.	01	12.407.	31
Bar	7.	01	7.	398	137.	63	137.	63
D.o	4.	86	4.	923	91.	59	91.	59
D.o	7.	23	6.	296	117.	13	117.	13
Amalgam	188.	34	204.	801	3.810.	20	3.810.	20
D.o	29.	56	28.	180	524.	32	524.	32
D.o	5.	41	5.	667	105.	43	105.	43
D.o	49.	70	48.	520	902.	70	902.	70
Bar	6.	65	5.	636	104.	85	104.	85
Amalgam	12.	59	13.	124	244.	16	244.	16
D.o	15.	58	16.	480	306.	60	306.	60
Bar	5.	95	5.	498	102.	29	102.	29
Bechtlers Coins & Amalg.m	28.	60	27.	423	510.	20	510.	20
Bars & Amalgam	7.	57	7.	357	136.	87	136.	87
Bar	6.	92	7.	080	131.	72	131.	72
Amalgam	71.	31	65.	225	1.213.	49	1.213.	49
Amalgam & Bar	49.	78	49.	106	913.	60	913.	60
Amalgam	13.	39	13.	106	243.	83	243.	83
D.o	4.	76	5.	017	93.	34	93.	34
D.o	5.	33	5.	400	100.	46	100.	46
D.o	16.	26	17.	540	326.	32	326.	32
D.o	7.	90	8.	163	151.	87	151.	87
Bars & Amalgam	8.	35	7.	578	140.	99	140.	99
Bar	14.	05	12.	613	234.	66	234.	66
D.o	5.	53	5.	547	103.	20	103.	20
Carried forward	1.510.	19	1.471.	186	27.352.	27	27.316.	57

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of May 1844.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec's.	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dec's.	Value before Deductions	Value after Deductions		Coinage Denomination	No. of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts
Am.d brought forward	1.510.	19	1.470.	186	27.352.27.	27.316.57.	1844				
Amalgam	81.	50	81.	500	1.516.28	1.516.28	May 14.	Quarter Eagles	3.522	8.805	
Do	65.	05	63.	867	1.188.22	1.188.22	21.	Half Do	2.877.	14.385	
Bar	11.	25	10.	361	192.76	192.76					
Amalgam	6.	82.	6.	820	126.90	126.90					
Bar	7.	10	7.	162	133.25	133.25					
Do	6.	14.	5.	987	111.39	111.39					
Do	5.	39	5.	436	101.13	101.13					
Do	13.	53.	11.	695	217.60	217.60					
Amalgam	7.	57	7.	458	138.75	138.75					
Bars.	53.	35	41.	848	778.57	770.29					
	1.767.	89	1.712.	320	31.857.12.	31.813.14.			6.399	23.190.	

Mint U. S.

~~May~~ June 6 / 44.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ult., with the report of the proceedings of your Board for May.

In an amended estimate, which I sent to the Department in January, ~~which~~ I introduced the item of $1000 for your roof, and explained the necessity of it. In April last I had an interview with three members of the Committee of Ways & Means, including the Chairman, and I was told that the estimate would be reported by them to the House, as I had presented it. I think, therefore, that you may depend upon the item in question.

I have no faith in any of the paints or cements recommended for the protection of shingle roofs from fire. Perhaps it might be advisable to place a covering of zinc ~~for~~ three or four feet around

your chimneys, over the shingles. This is sometimes done here.

R. M. P.

To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq
Superintendent of
Branch Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/ G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
~~May~~ June 6. 1844.

June 1844

Mint of the United States,
June 24, 1814.

Sir,

I send enclosed a statement of my accounts with you for the quarter ending on the 30th inst. A balance remains in my hands, to your credit, of Four hundred & forty 77/100 dollars. ($440.77.)

There are outstanding bills against your Mint amounting to about $750., so that it will be necessary for you to send me four or five hundred dollars.

We shipped yesterday, by the Schr. President, the following articles for your Mint:

One box, containing 6 copper drying pans; 1 doz. Wooden ladles; 12 lb. Corrosive Sublimate; 1 weigh-book, & 1 day book.

3 Hhds. containing 3 large stone precipitating jars.

Also 2 carboys Sulphuric Acid

We have had great difficulty in getting the

stone jars made, which has occasioned so ~~great a~~ much delay. The man who made these jars is now making smaller ones for separating, and the hoops & spikes for the refinery.

R. M. P.

For

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.,
Supt. of Treas. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/ G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 24. 1844.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 3d July 1844.

Sir

In the absence of Mr. Caldwell, (whose health has been so indifferent during the Spring, as to compel him to take a short trip to the mountains for its restoration) I have the honor of enclosing a report of the operations of this Branch of the Mint for the Month of June last.

Your favor of 24th Ulto has been received, enclosing a statement of your A/c with this Mint to the 30th showing a balance in your hands of $440.77. and informing us of the shipment of sundry articles for this Mint which are much needed at present.

As soon as Mr. Caldwell returns which I suppose will be in the course of a week or 10 days, your intimation of the further indebtedness of this Mint will be attended to and the necessary funds remitted.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
M. J. Strange CM

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
W. F. Strange, Esq.
Clerk of Br. Mint
July 3 / 44.
Rec'd 8th.
Charlotte
NC

July 1844

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of June 1844.

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dec.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dec.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	5.	34	5.	504	102.	40	102.	40
Amalgam	15.	62	15.	445	287.	35	287.	35
D.o	5.	77	6.	037	112.	32.	112.	32.
D.o	5.	30	5.	417	100.	78	100.	78
Amalgam & Bar	7.	34	6.	932	128.	97	128.	97.
Bar	7.	34	6.	556	121.	99	121.	99
Amalgam	6.	71	5.	390	100.	28	100.	28
D.o	59.	83	56.	970	1.059.	91	1.059.	91
D.o	26.	44	23.	697	440.	88	440.	88
Bar	6.	68	6.	827	127.	01	127.	01
Amalgam	86.	63	89.	267	1.660.	78	1.660.	78
Bar	11.	18	11.	488	213.	73	213.	73
Amalgam	14.	32.	14.	542	270.	55	270.	55
D.o	15.	20	15.	756	293.	13	293.	13
D.o	6.	13	6.	415	119.	35	119.	35
D.o	5.	82	6.	252	116.	32	116.	32
Bar	13.	69	14.	632	272.	22	272.	22
D.o	32.	03	30.	142	560.	78	560.	78
Bar & Amalgam	74	99	77.	158	1.435.	49	1.435.	49
Bar.	7.	78	7.	563	140.	71	140.	71
Amalgam	7.	64	6.	925	128.	84	128.	84
Bar & Amalgam	223.	78	239.	262	4.451.	39	4.451.	39
Amalgam & Bars	640.	40	608.	187	11.315.	10	11.227.	45
Bar	8.	39	8.	016	149.	13	149.	13
Bar & Amalgam	7.	55	3.	103	57.	73	57.	73
D.o & D.o	24.	59	21.	371	397.	60	397.	60
Bar	8.	28	8.	555	159.	16	159.	16
Bars	47.	52.	42.	712	794	64	794.	64
D.o	25.	41	18.	886	351.	37	347.	50.
Amalgam	75.	39	72.	210.	1.343.	44	1.343.	44
Carried forward	1483.	09.	1.441.	217	26.813.	35.	26.721.	83.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. during the Month of June 1844

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs.	dees.	Stan.d Weight Ozs.	dees.	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions			Coinage Denomination	No of Pieces	Value Dolls.	cts.
Am.t brought forward	1.483.	09	1.441.	217	26.813.	35	26.721.	83.	1844				
Amalgam	7.	70.	7.	631	141.	97	141.	97.	June 1.	Half Eagles	2.550.	12.750.	
Do	19.	56	20	365	378.	88	378.	88	15.	Do	2.346.	11.730.	
Amalgam & Bar	34	10	33.	799	628.	82	628.	82					
Amalgam	6.	97	7.	525	140	00	140.	00					
Bars	29.	21	30.	876	574	45	574.	45					
Amalgam	94.	35	99.	591	1.852.	86	1.852.	86					
Bar	10.	89	9.	630.	179.	16	179.	16.					
	1.685.	87	1.650.	634	30.709.	49	30.618.	97			4896.	24480.	

Charlotte N.C. 27 July 1844

Sir

The United States Branch Mint in this place was entirely consumed by fire this morning. It was discovered between 3 & 6 o'clock in the upper rooms of the Coiners department & advanced so rapidly that much damage has been done to the various machinery as well as to the building.
No fires have been made by the workmen for a week past when the conflagration originated - a committee of the citizens are now investigating its causes.
The roof - floors - & wooden fixtures are generally consumed - & the walls are tottering & falling. Much private property as books - papers clothing & other matters belonging to the Superintendent & myself has been consumed. The workmen are employed in protecting the public property.
The Bullion & coin were withdrawn & deposited in the State Branch Bank together with the Treasurers Books.
This is all I can write at present

I am very respectfully
J. H. Gibbon

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Thomas D. Jno. H. Gibbons,
Assayer B. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
July 27. 1844.
Rec'd. Aug. 2.

From the "Jeffersonian" Sept. 13.
Charlotte, N.C. ~~August~~ 1844.

Communications.

BURNING OF THE BRANCH MINT.

MOCKSVILLE, Aug. 11, 1844.

DEAR SIR: After the discharge of Calvin, Mr. Caldwell and Col. Gaither, requested me to write the opinion I had delivered, and enclose it to you, so that they might obtain copies.

Yours, &c.,
RICHMOND M. PEARSON.

JAS. OSBORN, Esq.

Calvin a slave, the property of B. S. Gaither, was brought before me, upon the information of William A. Todd, charged with wilfully and maliciously burning the dwelling house of Green W. Caldwell, situated on the piece of ground purchased by the United States in the Town of Charlotte, and the building, erected on said piece of ground by the United States for the purposes of the Branch Mint, parcel of said dwelling house. The evidence being closed—I remarked that in examinations before a committing Magistrate, the question was, not whether the evidence was sufficient to convict if the prisoner was on trial, but whether the evidence made out probable cause, so as to warrant further proceedings. That to make out probable cause it was necessary to establish two propositions—that the burning was the act of some incendiary, and not the effect of accident or negligence; and that the evidence pointed to the prisoner, and fixed upon him a strong suspicion of being the incendiary.

As to the first, I am satisfied that the burning was the act of an incendiary; from the state of the fire when first discoved, it is clear that it started in the garret over the Coiner's room. The garret had no floor, the space between the joists, and the rafters and sheeting of the roof above the Coiner's room was four feet—laths attached to the lower side of the joists, supported the plastering over the room—many of these laths had burned in two, and had fallen with the plastering upon the floor of the Coiner's room—that floor was burned through—the hole was in a circular shape about two feet one way, two feet the other: Coals of fire had fallen on the floor of the Engine room, which was under the Coiner's room, but the floor of the Engine room although on fire had not burnt through. The flame of the fire on the floor of the engine room did not reach up more than ten inches—this room having a pitch of ten feet and being plastered overhead, it was not possible for the fire on the floor to have communicated with the floor of the Coiner's room through the plastering above. The flame of the fire on the Coiner's room did not reach up more than three feet; the pitch of this room being ten feet, plastered overhead, it was not possible for the fire on this floor to have communicated with the joists and laths above, through the plastering. The flame of the fire in the joists and laths had not reached up to the rafters and sheeting, and although much smoke was bursting through the roof yet it was not on fire—this being the state of the fire when the building was first entered, I am satisfied that the fire started among the joists and laths of the garret, burnt through, fell on the floor of the Coiner's room, burnt through, and fell on the floor of heard some one, and from the voice, she believed it to be the prisoner, say to another person whom she did not know, "I can break them up root and branch."

The evidence in reply and tending to show a want of probable cause is, that while Col. Gaither had charge of the mint, the trap door was kept fastened on the inside by bolts, and could not be opened from the roof, which fact prisoner well knew, and that while Mr. Caldwell had charge the trap door had always been fastened on the inside, except for a few weeks before the fire, the witness Riglar, a workman in the mint, went up to fasten the trap door, but found that the roof was so fixed, that the bolts would not slip in, and left it unfastened, but fastened the door leading to the garret; so that the prisoner who had not been at the Mint for twelve months, had no reason to believe that the trap door could be opened from the roof: that fact was known only to Riglar, Taylor, Lentile, and probably the carpenters who had repaired the roof. Prisoner was allowed to take his wife to Burke, soon after Col. Gaither removed, where she remained some time, and after her return, his master allowed him on several occasions to come and see her.

The fact that prisoner was missing from his bed, is explained by the testimony of negro girl Rose, who swore that prisoner came into her room some time before day, and stayed until near day light—she is confirmed in this by Dick, who admitted upon cross examination, that prisoner told him when they went to bed, that he had a notion of going to her room,—these two witnesses nearly prove an alibi.

As to the testimony of Cynthia, her credit is assailed by the fact, that she and the prisoner are not on good terms, and had not been for several years; for he once had her as a wife, and left her and took up with the free mulatto: besides she did not mention his alledged threats, until after the fire, and it is strange that she should be the only person who heard him make threats—but suppose he had in the summer of 1843 made the threats, if in earnest, they would have been executed sooner, revenge is eager to embrace the first opportunity and he had been often in Charlotte. Besides this: it was proven that on several occasions before the fire, the prisoner stated exultingly that Mr. Clay was certain to be elected, and would put his master back in the mint, and thus he expected soon to be with his friends in Charlotte again: and after the fire he said sorrowfully that his chance for coming back was now gone—Thus his state of feeling was entirely different at the time of the fire and in the summer of 1843, when the supposed threats were made.

As to the expression at the Spring, the witness had no means of knowing either the prisoner or his companion, it being as she says in the night, and at a distance of one hundred yards—she believes it was him from his voice, this leaves it uncertain, independently of the testimony of Dick and Rose—but suppose the prisoner did say "he could break them up root and branch" to whom did he allude? the evidence renders it probable that he alluded to the free mulatto, and a negro boy Peter, who he had on that visit found out, had taken up with her, and against whom, he had on the evening before been making

the engine room.

How did the fire get among the joists and laths is the next question. The suggestion that there might have been a combustion of some acid is answered by the proof that there was no acid in the building excepting a small quantity of muriatic acid which was not near either of the three places on fire, and particularly that there was no acid in the garret.

The suggestion that the fire might have been communicated from the chimney of the engine which goes through the garret, near where the fire started—is answered by the proof that the engine had not been used for ten days—there was no fire used about the Mint for ten days before: The suggestion that the fire might have been negligently dropped from a segar by some Students who were at the Mint about 2 o'clock on the evening before, and went up on the roof by a door which opened into the garret, then through a trap door in the roof, passing near where the fire started, is answered, first, because it is not proven that any of them had a segar; second, the testimony of Lentile, who swore he was working with Mr. Taylor fixing the cornice of the mint—that some two hours after the students left, wanting nails he went on the roof, opened the trap door, went down through the garret to the other door, which he found fastened, and came back and descended the ladder which was used on the outside: that afterwards about sundown, he again went into the garret thro' the trap door, put away some tools, closed the trap door, and came down the ladder—that on neither occasion did he discover any fire in the garret, and that if there had been any, he must have seen or smelt it, particularly if it had been near the Coiner's room, for he passed immediately over it. There being no way to account for the fire as the effect of accident or negligence, my inference is, that it was the act of an incendiary.

It being also proven, that on the evening before, all the doors of the building were locked, and that they were all found locked on the next morning when the alarm of fire was given, and that no person slept in the house that night, it seems clear that the incendiary ascended the ladder, got on the roof, raised the trap door, and went down into the garret.

The next question is, does the evidence show probable cause against the prisoner?

The evidence relied on to show probable cause, is, that in the summer of 1843 Col. Gaither, the owner of the prisoner, was removed from the Mint, and carried the prisoner to the County of Burke, separating him from his wife, a free mulatto, who lived near Charlotte—that two days before the fire, the prisoner came to Charlotte, alledging that he came to see his wife, and remained about there until the day after the fire. That on the night before the fire, the prisoner slept in the room of Dick, a slave, and that about two hours before day, Dick discovered that the prisoner was not in his bed, and the prisoner did not return to bed until about day light, soon after which the alarm of fire was made,—that while the building was in flames, prisoner had his horse about the streets, at one time on his back, at another time holding him at the door of a grog shop, but did not go and render assistance—and that according to the testimony of Cynthia, a slave, the prisoner in the summer of 1843, soon after Col. Gaither was removed, met witness in the street, complained that his master had been removed to make way for Mr. Caldwell, and said it would do him no good, for it would be in ashes before long. Witness told him he ought not to talk so—he swore it would be in ashes, and no one would know who did it. And further that witness on the night of the fire, about midnight, at the Spring, three bats. It is shown moreover that the prisoner is a negro of good character, and so far from being malicious or vindictive, is submissive and well disposed, and was never known to be drunk or indulge in threats except on that occasion, when he seemed to be in much trouble about his wife and Peter, and was almost too drunk to walk about bed time.

I am entirely satisfied from the evidence alluded to, and the other evidence offered that there is no ground to believe the prisoner guilty, and shall order him to be discharged.

MINER'S MEETING.

A large and respectable meeting of the miners of Gold Hill and its vicinity met according to previous notice. The meeting was organised by calling Col. GEORGE BARNHART to the Chair, and appointing Dr. HUGH KELLY and E. MAUNEY as Secretaries.—The object of the meeting being ably and fully explained by Col. H. Fullenwider, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

On motion of Col. H. Fulenwider,

Resolved, That this meeting recommend a Miners' Convention to be held in the town of Charlotte on the 8th day of October next, to take into consideration the necessity of re-building the Branch Mint at Charlotte, which was lately destroyed by fire.

Resolved, That this meeting appoint twenty delegates to attend said convention, when the following persons were appointed as delegates viz: R. E. Rives, Esq., James Honeycutt, Henry Peck, Col. George Barnhart, Peter Earnhardt, Col. H. Fullenwider, David McMackin, N. E. Ludwick, Esq., Col. J. P. Humphries, Wm. C. Randolph, Capt. A. Miller, Davolt Harkey, Eli Yountze, Capt. John K. Harrison, Maj. E. Mauney, Capt. N. H. Barringer, Geo. Culp, George Hilick, Esq., Capt. Marvil Kirk, and Isaac Beaver.

Resolved, That R. E. Rives, Esq., Col. H. Fulenwider, Dr. Hugh Kelly, Isaac Beaver, and E. Mauney, be a committee of invitation to invite all persons engaged in mining to hold similar meetings and appoint delegates to meet in convention.

Resolved, That the Jeffersonian be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting, and all other papers friendly to the mining interest.

On motion of R. E. Rives, Esq., the meeting adjourned.

GEORGE BARNHART, Ch'n.

HUGH KELLY, } Secretaries.
E. MAUNEY, }

MARRIED,

In the vicinity of Wilkesboro', N. C., on Sunday morning the 1st instant, *Rollin Jones, Esq.*, Attorney at Law, of Shrievesport, La., but formerly of Salisbury, N. C., to *Miss Ann Stokes*, daughter of the late Gov. Stokes.

DIED,

In this County, on the 26th ult., Miss *Margaret Mahan*, daughter of Briant Mahan, aged 31 years, 10 months and 10 days.

Also, in this place, on the night of the 11th inst., *Benjamin Cooper Lansdell*, son of Dr. J. M. Hapgood, in the 9th year of his age.

In this place, on the 6th inst., Mr. *Samuel Taylor*, in the 79th year of his age.

In this county, on the 2d instant, Mr. *Robert W. Parks*, aged about 30.

Also, on the 4th, Miss *Sarah Parks*, aged about 10 years, daughter of Col. Wm. N. Parks.

Also, on the 6th, Mr. *William Alexander*, aged 73 years. He had been afflicted for a number of years with the loss of sight, but enjoyed good health until within a year or two, when his health began to fail and terminated in death.

Charlotte N.C. 21st September 1844

Sir

At the request of Mr Caldwell whose state of health is at present rather infirm, and who has been sorely tried and afflicted in the recent death of his truely amiable Lady, I have the honor of transmitting to you a list of the Articles which have been destroyed, and will consequently be needed in the Assaying, Melting & Refining, and Coining Departments of the Branch of the Mint, as reported by the Officers in charge of those Departments.

For the Assaying Department

a set of assay weights for Gold
a pair of fine forceps for assays
a small copper still and worm to distill water
a sheet of copper for assay pans
a carboy of pure acid for assays

Our loss in public property will not I suppose exceed 50 dollars in value

J. H. Gibbon. Assayer

For the Melting Department.

One copper drainer for granulating mixed metal
Two iron wire seives No 2.

For the Separating Department

Two cedar tubs lined with lead for reducing the Silver after separating
Three precipitating Jars, 6 large glass Jars for precipitating acid
10 stone ware basins, 3 sections of garden hose 25 feet each
6. two gallon stone ware pitchers, 2 one gallon glass pitchers, 4 Siphons
200 feet 1¼ inch lead pipe. 6 set of copper wire chains for counter weights for the beams for separating. 12 beams and 12 scales. 8 cast iron pans for separating furnace

1 large Strainer for filtering Silver. 4 copper pans for drying Gold
2 copper Tea Kettles.

For the Coining Department

1 Copper roaster, 2 copper pans, - one long for rolling strips - the other short for cleaning planchets. 1 copper pan for waxing strips. 1 brass wire sieve No 2. 6 iron wire sieves, two of them No 2, and four of them No 4. 4 pair of scales for the adjusting room, one large (to weigh 100 pieces) and three small.

John R. Bolton
Coiner & Melter & Refiner

You will perceive that Mr Bolton has made no estimate of the cost of the Articles needed for his Departments - It would necessarily be very imperfect, and we thought it would be as well to leave it to your better opportunities of ascertaining the value of such Articles in the place where they would have to be sent.

In regard to the rebuilding of the Mint, Mr Caldwell respectfully suggests for your consideration, that it should be but one story and a half, and so constructed as to have all the operations on the first floor and basement stories, thereby dispensing with the Superintendents family apartments. He makes this suggestion not only upon the ground of economy, but also upon those of comfort & convenience in the processes of Minting, besides the protection it would afford in case of accident - the walls then, it is supposed would do to build upon from the joists of the 2d floor, which would save a large item in the expense, and add largely to the expedition with which the Mint could be put into operation - Mr Caldwell desires no rooms in the Building, save his Offices and a sleeping room.

From the trial he has made Mr Caldwell has

discovered, that he will be unable to get any thing like a true estimate of the cost of rebuilding, unless he advertises for proposals, and the only difficulty he has on this point, is, whether he would be warranted in receiving proposals for rebuilding the Mint, differing in construction from its original specifications or plan. If you should think his ideas relative to the alteration in restoring the Building entitled to consideration, he asks your permission to advertize for both plans, and leave the utility and propriety of each for your discretion

As to a temporary establishment he supposes it will depend very much on Mr. Eckfeldts report to you on the state of the Machinery Should the Secretary of the Treasury deem it expedient to put the Mint into temporary operation, the cheapest and most expeditious method would be to repair the rear Building at once, which with the Kitchen as Offices, would answer till the whole Building was restored -

After he has got proposals for rebuilding, and received from you an estimate of the cost of Machinery, he will then be enabled to make a full estimate of the expense of restoring the Mint to its former condition and efficiency -

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. F. Strange Clk
U. S. Br. Mint

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
W. F. Strange Esq
Clerk of Branch Mint
Charlotte, N. C.
Sept. 21, 1844.
Rec'd 27th.

Art 1st Engine and shafting can be repaired at a small cost because she is not injured by the fire at all

Art 2nd The condition of the shafting and hangers The shafting is injured by the fire but can be repaired. But the hangers perfectly distroyed by the fire

Art 3rd The condition of the rolls. Including housing and gearing can be repaired at a small cost

Art 4th The Draw Bench frame is scorching to pieces by the fire The draw plate can be repaired and chain and rube wheel and shaft will do for a new bench providing we make it on the same plan

Art 5th The cutting press can be repaired by making a new fly wheel and straitning the guides

Art 6th The Annealing machine is distroyed by fire

Art 7th The Coining press is distroyed by fire

Art 8th The Annealing and cleaning furnaces is distroyed

Art 9th The pump and tank. I cant say what condition they are in; the well is filled up with the ruines

Art 10th The machine shop and all the tools of every kind is distroyed by fire

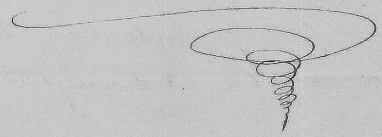
Art 11th The scales and beames for adjusting is distroyed but the scales and beames for deposites is saved

Art 12th The housing for the pointing rools would answer for a new stand

Art 13th The sheares can be repaired

Art 14th In examining the stack I find them to be all sound except they lean a little

Art 15th The Building is totaly distroyed



From
Chas. Geo. Eckfeldt.
Rec'd Sept. 27th, 1844.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – 1844 (CONT.)

Charlotte N.C. 28th July 1844

Sir

The melancholy duty devolves upon me of informing you of the total destruction of the Mint Building by fire yesterday morning about day light. The fire originated in the Coining Room, but how it could have got there is inexplicable, as there had been no fire in that end of the Building, since the last Coinage, which was about 10 days ago.

The front and side Walls are still standing, but in a very tottering condition, and will soon fall. I am unable to state at present how much damage has been done to the machinery, owing to the body of the building being filled with rubbish, into which it was all precipitated — but I believe, as far as I am able to judge that the Engine and Boiler are uninjured.

All the Books, Papers, Coin and Bullion, with the exception of some Silver, which was in a state of solution in the Refinery, and the most valuable furniture belonging to the Mint have been saved, but almost all my own private property being in the Rooms up stairs has been destroyed. All the out Buildings have been preserved. No blame is attached to the Officers or Men of the Mint, the common opinion being that it has been the work of some wilful incendiary.

If upon examination it should be found that the machinery is not too much damaged, we think that at a small expense the Brick Kitchen with some additions may be fitted up to carry on the Operations of Coining, while the Assay apartments with their appurtenances are very little damaged, until Congress convenes, should it meet with your approbation.

By the next mail, I shall transmit you my usual Monthly Report and such other information relative to the destruction of the Building as I may be able to obtain —

I have forwarded a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Treasury by this same mail.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/ G. W. Caldwell
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
July 28. 1844.
Rec'd. Aug. 3.

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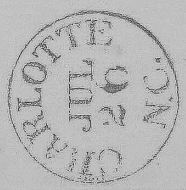
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia



Mint U.S.,
Aug. 2, 1844.

Sir,

~~You are already informed, by a~~ and Stranger
The Superintendent of the Branch
Mint at Charlotte has conveyed to me
the melancholy information that the
Mint Building in that place was destroyed by fire
on the morning of the 27th ult.

It appears that the fire was first discovered
~~broke out~~ between
3 and 4 o'clock in the morning, in the upper
rooms of the Coin's department; and ~~that~~ no
fires having been made by in that department for more than a
~~the workmen~~
week before, it is supposed to have been the
work of an incendiary.

The Superintendent states that "all the
books, papers, coin, and bullion, (with the
exception of some silver in a state of solution
in the refinery,) have been saved;" and he
expresses a hope that the machinery is so
little injured that it may be fitted
up in one of the out-buildings, so as to

make it practicable to carry on the operations. The Army departments, with their appurtenances, are reported to be but little damaged. All the out-building, are preserved.

Further information is promised by the next mail.

P. M. S.

To
Hon. Jno. M. Bibb,
Sec. of Treas.

To Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Sec. of Treasury.

Aug. 2. 1844.

Mint U. S., Aug. 2. 1844.

Sir,

I have just rec'd your letter of the 28th ult., conveying the melancholy intelligence that your Mint Building has been destroyed by fire.

I am happy to find that you were able to save the books, papers, coin, and bullion, & that the out buildings have not been injured.

You express a hope that the machinery may not have been seriously damaged. If it has been in the fire, however, so as to be heated to redness, I fear that it will be found nearly useless.

I await with anxiety the further information which you promise; and, in the mean while, I can do nothing more than express my confidence that you will pursue a judicious course in the sad & difficult circumstances in which you are placed.

R. M. P.

Dr,

G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.

Aug. 2. 1844.

August 1844

Charlotte N.C.a 7th August 1844.

Sir

I wrote you upon the 28th Ulto informing you of the destruction of the Mint by fire on the morning of the 27th, and that by the next mail I would forward my usual monthly Report with such other information relative to the damage sustained by the machinery, &c as I could collect.

It was only this morning that Mr Bolton has been enabled to make his report of the State of the machinery, in which he says that "the "Steam Engine can be repaired and ready for running in a short time — the Rolling "Mills have not been damaged much — the drawing machinery has been broken "nearly to pieces with the exception of the chain and wheels — the Milling Machine, with "a little expense and labour can be repaired — the cutting Presses can be repaired "with new fly wheels — the Coining Presses are much damaged, though it is very probable "that one can be repaired (fitted up) out of the two — the Power Lathe has been so much "damaged, that he thinks, it is impossible to repair it — the foot Lathe may be repaired with "a little labour and expense — the small tools of every description were pre[illegible] to the "bottom of the ruins — that many of them have been got out, and may be useful again, "such as screw plates, taps, and dies for cutting screws, — that all the adjusting scales, with "the exception of a small pair in his Office have been destroyed." He also states that "the "destruction of the implements in the Refinery has been very severe, nothing has been saved "except some Silver and a few glass Jars. — The Melting has not met with much loss "with the exception of the Swages, which were in barrels standing under the fire 2200, and "which are literally covered with the ruins of the walls — that there is still some hope of "collecting the greater portion of them." — The Workmen are employed in assorting, cleaning up and storing away the Machinery.

We have apprehended Col Gaither's Servant Boy Calvin

and lodged him in Jail upon a Bench Warrant on pretty strong evidence that he burned the Mint - he will be examined before one of our State Judges on Saturday next for commitment or dismissal, the result of which investigation will be communicated.

I enclose you my Report of the Amt. of Bullion rec'd and Coinage executed during the Months of July last.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/
E. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Smith,
Charlotte.
Aug. 7. 1844.
Rec'd. 12.

Report for July.

From/ Charlotte Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Sept. 13. 1844.
Rec'd Sept. 25. "

Judge Pearson's opinion respecting the participation of Mr. Gaither's boy Calvin in setting fire to the Mint at Charlotte.

Mint N. C. May 12 / 46

Sir,

I have the honor to send inclosed a copy of a letter received this morning from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, giving a more detailed account of the injury done to the building and machinery.

You will no doubt deem it necessary that an estimate should be prepared of the cost of restoring the machinery and the building; for as the expenditure must form an important element in the question of an appropriation for reestablishing the Mint, information with regard to it will certainly be required by Congress. There seems, moreover, to be some doubt entertained by the Superintendent, that the Mint may be set into temporary operation with the means now at Command.

To ascertain these points, I would suggest the propriety of my sending

from here some competent person to examine into the condition of the machinery &c., and to make detailed report thereon.

I have thought of asking this service either of the Chief Coiner, or of the Foreman of this Mint, and the ~~expense~~ cost of the mission would therefore be confined to the travelling expenses.

I ~~ask~~ respectfully apply for your authority to carry into execution the course here suggested.

R. M. Patterson
Director

To/
Hon. Gerrit Bibb,
Sec. of Treasury.

To Sec. of Treasury.

Aug 12 / 44.

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.Ca during the Month of July 1844.—

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight		Stan.d Weight		Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
	Oz.	Dec.	Ozs.	dec.				
Amalgam	4.	85	4.	487	83.	48	83.	48
Bar	50.	30	34.	538	642.	57	634.	99
Bar & Amalgam	13.	85	11.	910	221.	60	221.	60
Bar	5.	34	5.	213	96.	99	96.	99
Do.	7.	57	8.	141	151.	46	151.	46
Do	5.	42	5.	003	93.	08	93.	08
Amalgam	8.	61	9.	393	174.	75	174.	75
Bar.	12.	06	12.	421	231.	09	231.	09
Amalgam	2.	96	3.	156	58.	71	58.	71
Do.	3.	72	3.	967	73.	80	73.	80
Do.	18.	76	18.	626	346.	53	346.	53
Bars	56.	75	40.	162	747.	19	739.	69
Bar & Amalgam	49.	44	43.	509	809.	46	809.	46
Bar.	20.	50	15.	488	288.	15	288.	15
Amalgam	13	01	12.	864	239.	33	239.	33
Do.	31.	60	31.	647	588.	78	588.	78
Bars	46.	23	50.	338	936.	52	936.	52
Amalgam	21.	94	23.	011	428.	11	428.	11
Bars	23.	10	19.	792	368.	22	368.	22
Bars & Amalgam	20.	05	18.	445	343.	16	343.	16
Bars.	59.	13	59.	700	1.110.	69	1.110.	69
Do.	6.	84	6.	466	120.	30	120.	30
Do.	44.	24	44.	199	822.	30	822.	30
Amalgam	4.	13	4.	491	83.	55	83.	55
Bar	12.	78	14.	131	262.	90	262.	90
Amalgam	10	16	10.	182	189.	43	189.	43
Bar.	5.	50	5.	084	94.	59	94.	59
Bar.	9.	62	9.	341	173.	79	173.	79
Amalgam	3.	87	4.	221	78.	53	78.	53
Do.	5.	39	5.	892	109.	62	109.	62
Carried forward	577.	72	535.	818	9.968.	68	9.953.	60

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Coinage executed at the United States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Month of July 1844

Description of Bullion	Gross Weight Ozs	dec.s	Stand.d Weight Ozs.	dec.s	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions			Coinage Denominations	No. of Pieces	Value Dollars	cts
Amount brought forw.d	577.	72	535.	818	9.968.	68	9.953.	60.	1844.				
Amalgam	3.	32	3.	657	68.	04	68.	04	July 10	Half Eagles	3.126.	15.630.	
D.o	2.	34	2.	422	45.	06	45.	06	18	Quarter Eagles	4.125.	10.312.	50.
D.o	5.	73	5.	708	106.	20	106.	20					
Bar	12.	92.	13.	248.	246.	47.	246.	47.					
Amalgam	23.	34	25.	154	467.	98	467.	98					
Bar	7.	35	7.	863	146.	29	146.	29					
D.o	5.	03	5.	408	100.	61	100.	61					
Amalgam	7.	18	7.	170	133.	40	133.	40					
Bars	21.	74	22.	753	423.	31	423.	31					
D.o	6	12	6.	166	114.	72	114.	72					
Amalgam	33.	95	33.	986	632.	30	632.	30.					
Bar	10.	31	10.	446	194.	34	194.	34					
Amalgam	145.	40	127.	951	2.380.	48	2.357.	28					
Bechtlers Coins	33.	90	32.	166	598.	43	598.	43					
Amalgam	3.	57	3.	326	61.	88	61.	88					
Bars	7.	20	6.	567	122.	17	122.	17					
D.o	22.	23	10	816	201.	23.	198	18					
D.o	65.	55	53.	531	995.	92	985.	66					
D.o	18.	67	16.	656	309.	88	309.	88					
Amalgam	33.	70	33.	961	631.	83	631.	83					
D.o	58.	02	56.	228	1.046.	10	1.046.	10					
D.o	37.	79	36.	744	683.	60	683.	60					
D.o	11.	17	11.	354	211.	24	211.	24					
Bars	8.	10.	7.	290.	135.	63.	135.	63					
	1.162.	35.	1.076.	389	20.025.	79	19.974	10.			7.251.	25.942.	50.

Sir

Charlotte, N.C. Aug. 13. 1814.

Above you have a check for $500. which had escaped my attention through the confusion that we have been in, since the burning of the Mint

In mine of the 7th Inst. I informed you that Col. Gaithers Boy had been arrested on suspicion of being the incendiary, and promised to give you the result of the investigation. Upon investigation before the Judge, the States Witnesses who were principally Slaves, told so contradictory and unsatisfactory a story that the Judge was compelled to discharge him. The evidence on that investigation satisfied the Judge that the origin of the fire was the effect of design and not of accident.

I am now satisfied, that my private apartments were robbed previous to the fire, and that the Mint was set on fire to conceal the robbery. You had been informed by Mr Strange, that I had left Charlotte some time before in consequence of ill health — I was at my Mothers in Lincoln County about 14 Miles from Town and had left my apartments in possession of a person by the name of Todd, who promised that he would sleep there every night during my absence, and in whom I had the utmost confidence that he would do so, but who has sadly neglected the

the trust Reposed in him.

The facts will more fully appear in the Judge's opinion which he has promised to write out and publish, and which will be forwarded to you for your satisfaction as soon as received.

I have not however ceased my exertions to ferret out the perpetrators, as there was something dropped upon the examination, which may eventually lead to the detection of the right persons.

I enclose you an Ac against the Dahlonega Mint sent to this Mint by mistake for which you will please give me credit.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte.
Aug. 13. 1844
Rec. " 21. "

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE AUG 14 N.C.

Aug. 16, 1844.

Mr. James C. Smyth, (accompanied by Mr. Meigs,) came to the Mint to make a deposite of gold. — He is from Charlotte, the town in which Mr. Gaither resides. He gave me the following information regarding the fire at the Charlotte Mint.

The shingling of the roof was in progress at the time; and Mr. Todd was the Carpenter. He had engaged to sleep in the building, and had been in the habit of doing so; but was absent from it on the night of the fire.

It is asserted that there was no one in the Mint on the night of the fire; and that Mr. Caldwell was not in Charlotte at the time. [He went to me known from there the following day.]

Mr. Gaither's servant, who has been accused of the incendiary, had

a wife a Charlotte, whom he had married while his master resided there. — He was, at the time of the fire, on a visit to his wife. He had boasted that Mr. Clay would be elected, and that his master and he would come back to the Mint: [Certainly no reason why he should burn it down.] The principal cause of his being suspected seems to be that he was absent from his wife on the night of the fire. His account of himself was that he had gone to see the girls.

Mr. Smyth reported that the assaying was resumed at the Mint.

Memorandum of matters to be attended to by George Eckfeldt, on his visit to the Charlotte Mint.

To examine into the present condition of the machinery, and to report in detail thereon: viz.

1st. The Steam-engine. To be taken apart for examination. Condition of cylinder, piston-rod, crank, &c., with reference especially to warping & rust. The boilers & steam pipes. To report whether the engine can be repaired so as to be again fitted for use; what repairs will be necessary; whether they can be made at Charlotte; what will be their probable cost.

2d. The condition of the shafting.

3d. The condition of the rolls, including the housings and geering.

4th. The draw-bench.

5th. The cutting-presses.

6th. The milling machines.

7th. The coining presses.

Next to ~~my~~ examine into the condition of the annealing ~~furn~~ and cleaning furnaces.

The pumps and tanks.

The scales & beams, of any kind.

The lathes, and tools of any kind.

The practicability of fitting up the machinery of the Mint for temporary operation.

Inquiries of any kind bearing especially upon what has regard to the machinery.

~~EE~~

Superintendent.

To procure, form competent mechanics, estimates in as much detail as possible, of the cost of ~~ref~~ restoring the Mint Building to its former condition. — The time required, &c. — If thought advisable, may advertise for proposals, — subject to the action of Congress. Steeper roof. (?)

Assayer.

Report on the amount of injury done in his department; the repairs necessary; the articles to be replaced. Estimate of cost, — ~~with~~

Coiner.

To assist Mr. Eckfeldt in the investigations and estimates regarding the machinery.

To report on the condition of the apparatus used in separating.

Also on the melting-furnaces, moulds, and fixtures generally of the melting department.

The report to be accompanied.

From
James C. Smyth, Esq
Aug. 16 /44.

A personal interview, at which he communicated certain information regarding the fire at the Charlotte Mint.

Mint of the United States.
Aug. 21, 1841.

Sir,

On the 12th inst., I had the honor to send to you a copy of a letter of the 7th, from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, respecting the destruction of the Mint building by fire. I now send herewith an extract of another letter just received on the same subject.

In the suggestion which I took the liberty to make, of the propriety of sending a competent person to report on the condition of the machinery &c. at the Charlotte Mint, I neglected to mention, that I as the Coiner of that Mint, Mr. J. R. Bolton, is not a machinist, I cannot think that a report and estimate from him would be satisfactory. On the other hand, our own Chief Coiner, Mr. Peale, is thoroughly

of whom I proposed to ask this service, is not only competent as a mechanician, but is particularly ~~calculated~~ fitted for the task by the circumstance of his having ~~superintended, the arrang on the spot, the arrangements~~ devised the machinery &c. of the Charlotte Mint, and superintended, on the spot, the arrangements necessary for putting that Mint into operation.

R. M. P.

D. M.

To/

Honble Geo. M. Bibb,

Secretary of the Treasury.

[Here insert copy of Mr Caldwell's letter of Aug 13, as marked.]

Sec. of Treasury.

Aug. 21/44.

August 1844

Treasury Department
August 31. 1844

Sir

Your letter dated the 12th. instant enclosing a copy of one addressed to you by G. W. Caldwell was duly received. I approve of the course suggested by you to obtain an Estimate of the Cost of restoring the Branch Mint at Charlotte including the Machinery. You are, therefore authorised to send some competent person to make the necessary examinations & provided the cost be confined to the travelling expenses incurred and that it can be paied from the appropriation for the contingent expenses of the Mint.

When your Report shall be received the Department will take into consideration the experience of putting the Mint into temporary operation.

I remain very Respt.

Geo. M. Bibb
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. W M. Patterson
Philada

From Sec. of Treasury.
Aug. 31. 1844.
Rec'd Sept. 3.

Mint of the U. S.
Sept. 3. 1844.

Dear Sir,

Under authority from the Secretary of the Treasury, I have instructed Mr. Geo. Eckfeldt to go to Charlotte, N.C., on business connected with the Branch Mint at that place. The expenses of his journey are to be borne by the Mint; and I have to beg that you will advance to him such sum as may be deemed sufficient for the purpose, to be accounted for on his return. I will authorise this, by Warrant, as soon as I get back from my own journey.

Very truly your friend
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

Maj. J. Roach,
Treasurer of the Mint.

To Maj. L. Roach,
Treasurer of the Mint.

Sept. 3. 1844.

Mint Letters

Chas.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia, Sept. 31, 1846.

Sir,

At the earliest practicable day, you will please to set out for Charlotte, North Carolina, for the purpose of making a particular examination into the present condition of the machinery of the Branch Mint at that place, and reporting to me in detail thereon.

I would call your attention particularly to the following points.

1st. The condition of the Steam-engine, which will be taken apart for examination. The state of the cylinder, piston-rod, crank, &c., with reference especially to warping from the fire, and to rust. The state of the boilers, steam-pipes, &c.

2d. The condition of the shafting.

3d. The condition of the rolls including the housing and gearing.

4th. The draw-bench.

5th. The cutting-presses.

6th. The milling-machines.

7th. The coining presses.

8th. The annealing and cleaning furnaces.

9th. The pumps and tanks.

10th. The lathes, and tools of every kind.

11th. The scales and beams.

You will please, in every case, to consider the practicability of repairing the instruments in question; and, when repair is deemed practicable, the probable cost thereof. You will consider, also, what work can be done at Charlotte, and what must be done elsewhere. You will also particularly consider, and report upon, the practicability of fitting up the machinery of the Mint for temporary operations.

The object of your mission to Charlotte, is to obtain accurate

information as to the probable cost of restoring the mint to the condition in which it was placed before the occurrence of the late destructive fire. You will please, therefore, to direct your inquiries to all points that may bear upon this question, though the special purpose for which you have been selected, and for which you are deemed particularly competent, has regard to the coining department.

Your travelling and other necessary expenses, during your absence, will be paid by the Mint, and you will please, therefore, to keep a particular account of these expenses.

Very respectfully
~~Your~~ and faithfully yours,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

To/
Mr. George Eckfeldt,
Foreman of the Mint.

To/

Mr. Geo. Eckfeldt,
Assayer of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sept. 3. 1844.

Mint of the United States.
Sept. 3d, 1844.

Dear Sir,

Under authority from the Secretary of the Treasury, I have instructed Mr. George Eckfeldt to go to Charlotte, N.C., on business connected with the Branch Mint at that place. The expenses of his journey are to be borne by the Mint, and I have to beg that you will advance to him such sum as may be deemed sufficient for the purpose, to be accounted for on his return. I will authorize this by warrant, as soon as I get back from my own journey.

Very truly your friend &c.

R. M. Patterson
Director

Maj. J. Reach
Treasury of the United States

From

R. M. Patterson
Director U.S. Mint.
Sept. 3. 1844.

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Requesting me to advance to Cargo
Eckfeldt a sufficient sum of money
to enable him to visit the Br. Mint at
Charlotte N.C. on business appertaining
to the said Mint.

Mint of the United States.
Sept. 2d, 1854.

Sir,

I have received this morning, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, of which I send you a copy herewith.

Under the authority therein granted, I have given instructions to Mr. George Eckfeldt, the Foreman of this Mint, and an excellent Mechanic, to repair himself to you at Charlotte, at as early a day as practicable, and to make such investigations into the present conditions of the machinery, as may enable us to form a just estimate of the cost of repairing it, or of replacing it. I pray you, therefore, to give him every facility for obtaining the necessary information.

Of yourself I have to beg that you will procure, from competent persons, estimates, in as much detail as possible, of the cost of putting

the Mint building to its former condition. I see no objection, indeed, should you deem it advisable, to your advertising for proposals for rebuilding the Mint, — subject, of course, to the action of Congress.

You will please to ask the Coiner to assist Mr. Eckfeldt in the investigations and estimates regarding the machinery. I ask, also, that he make report, through you, ~~into the~~ of the condition of the melting-furnaces, moulds, and fixtures generally, of the melting department, and of the apparatus used in separating gold and silver. I would be glad, if it be practicable, that this report should be accompanied by estimates of the cost of replacing the articles injured or destroyed.

I would also ask, through you, of the Assayer, a report of the amount of injury done in his department; the repairs necessary; and the articles to be replaced; with an estimate of the probable cost.

I beg you, generally, to take all such steps as may enable us to present a ~~just~~ true estimate of the cost of restoring the Charlotte Mint, ~~at least~~ to the condition and efficiency which it enjoyed before the late disastrous conflagration

R. M. P.

(Sd)
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S. Mr. Eckfeldt proposes to set out on his journey on Monday next, 9th inst.

[Here copy letter from Sec. of Treasury of Aug. 31.]

To/

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Sept. 3. 1844.

September 1844

Mint of the United States.
Sept. 3d, 1844.

Sir,

I had the honor to receive, this morning, your letter of the 31st ult., in which you give me authority to call a competent person to make the necessary examinations on which to found an estimate of the cost of restoring the Branch Mint at Charlotte, including the Machinery.

Under the authority thus granted, I have selected, for this mission, Mr George Eckfeldt, Foreman of the Mint; an excellent machinist, and a worthy man, who has my entire confidence. He will set out for Charlotte, ~~out~~ at the earliest practicable day.

R. M. P.

Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Sec of Treas.

To / Sec. of Treasury.

Sept. 3. 1844.

September 1844

Mint of the United States Oct. 5, 1844.

Sir

I send herewith a Statement of my account with you for the quarter ending Sept. 30th accompanied by the proper Vouchers, & showing a balance to your Credit, on that day, of Five Hundred & Seventy one dollars. ($571.00.)

I have been called upon for the usual estimate for the Mint & Branches, for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st. July next. I beg that you will furnish me, at your earliest convenience, with such modified estimate, for the partial operation of your Branch, as you think warranted. The estimate for rebuilding the Mint. &c, can be presented seperately, and additional estimate for the full operation of the Mint can then be asked.

Very respectfully
Your faithful Servant,
R.M.P.
Director

To/ G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. & Treas. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.,
Supt. & Treas. U.S. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Act. S. 1844.

October 1844

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 19 October 1844

Sir

Your letter of the 5th Inst, requesting me to furnish You with modified estimate for this Branch of the Mint, commencing on the 1st of July next, has been received.

Owing to the late disaster of this Mint, and its present condition, a less amount than its usual appropriation will be amply sufficient to carry on its operations for the next year. The Contingent Funds of the last appropriation remains unexpended, which I think will pay all contingencies for the next year, besides four hands instead of five will be quite efficient force for the labour — I therefore respectfully submit the following estimate for the fiscal year commencing on the 1st July 1845 and ending 30th June 1846.

"For Salaries of Officers and Clerk"	6.000.
" " Pay of Laborers in various Departments"	2.808.
	$8.808.00

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G.W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
C. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Oct. 19 / 44.
Rec'd 25th.

Bank of the State of North Carolina
Br at Charlotte 15 Nov 1874

Dear Sir

Herewith you will receive a package containing eight parcels of Gold Bullion as follows

			Dwt.	Grs
No. 1	J. J. Maxwell		177.	11
2	Thos. J. Trotter		334.	2
3	Peoples & Maxwell		638.	17
4	Elms & Martin		713.	19
5	W. W. Elms		432.	
6	Same		410.	
7	Same	277.8	377.	
8	Same		387.	
			3.712.	01

While please apay seperately and send me the Certificate of apay so as to enable me to settle with the persons from whom I received the Bullion — I will avail myself of some opportunity from this place of getting the Coin from Philada, in the mean time I will thank you to send me the usual Certificate for drawing the Coin.

Very respectfully
Yr. Obt. Svt.
W. A. Smith
Cashr

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From/

W. A. Lucas Esq.

Cashier of Bank of N. C.

Branch at Charlotte, N. C.

Nov. 15. 1844

Rec'd. Dec. 9.

Washington City, 23 Nov. 1844

Sir,

The Secretary of the Treasury said to me yesterday - that, if you would write him that my pursuit in Philadelphia had been, in any manner, advantageous to the Mint - he would authorize the payment of my absolute expenses to and from Charlotte & Philada. (about $150) from the Contingent Expenses of the Branch Mint - as the expenses of other officers going to Philadelphia to obtain or communicate information had been paid.

In consideration of my loss by this pursuit, I, therefore, refer this subject to your favorable consideration - on the eve of my departure for Charlotte.

I am very respectfully

J. H. Gibbon.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

From/
Dr. J. H. Gibbon
Anceyer of Charlotte Bellini
Washington,
Nov. 23/44.

Recd. 25th.

Charlotte

Mint of the United States
Nov. 25 1846.

Sir,

In a letter received this morning from Dr. John M. Gibbon, Assayer of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, he mentions that you had said to him that if I would write to you that his presence in Philadelphia had been in any manner advantageous to the Mint, you would authorize the payment of his whole expenses to and from Charlotte and Philadelphia (about $150.) from the Contingent Expenses of the Branch Mint."

I have, therefore, now to state that I am convinced that Dr. Gibbon's visit here was not without its advantages to the establishment with which he is connected, - by the information which he derived by an examination of our manner of conducting the business, and by the suggestions which he was able to give relative to the plans with which we are occupied for the rebuilding of the Charlotte Mint.

R. M. Patterson
D. M.

To
Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Sec. of Treas.

To Sec. of Treasury

Nov. 25/44.

November
1844

Charlotte N.C.a 27 November 1844

Sir

I enclose you some slips of metal for assay in order to enable me to settle up for the year the Accts of the Coiner and Melter & Refiner

No 1. is a slip from ½ Eagle Rings

2 " Coiners Filings

3 Melters Sweeps

4 Silver

5 Do

6 Do

7 assay slips of Bullion melted together

which I will thank you to have assayed and reported as early as possible, in order to ascertain the wastage which may have occurred during the time we were in operation, and have it settled by the end of the year as all the precious metals have been gathered up as closely as they can be.

I have been requested by the member of Congress for this District to furnish him with an estimate of the probable cost of rebuilding the Mint, but am unable to do so, not having received an answer from you in reply to mine of the 21 Septem.r ulto, in which I suggested the propriety of altering the construction of the Building, but I will refer him to your report which I presume you will make to Congress embracing the plan in detail of which I should be glad to be informed.

I have some idea of paying a short visit to Washington on private business this Winter should it meet your approbation and while there, I think I may probably be of some service in getting

the appropriations passed through Congress.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
G W Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
C. W. Caldwell, Esq
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Nov. 27/46.
Rec'd Dec. 2d.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 3d, 1844.

Sir,

Wm. Caldwell, the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, has directed my attention to you, as the member from the District in which that Mint is placed, and ~~has informed me that~~ as therefore most naturally called upon to take the first steps against the progress of the destruction of the Mint building and machinery by fire.

~~I have sent an agent from here to inquire into the condition of the building.~~

Let me then suggest to you the propriety of bringing before the House a resolution to the following effect:

Resolved that the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to furnish to this House an estimate of the cost of again placing the Branch Mint at Charlotte, in North Carolina, in a condition for carrying its operations.

This resolution, if passed, will of course be referred to me by the Secretary, and I am prepared to make report to him, at a very early

day, ### accompanied by plans and elevations, and specifications, ### and detailed estimates.

When this report is before the House, it will be proper to urge a special appropriation for re-~~instating the~~ storing the Mint to activity and usefulness, and ~~thus the question will be brought fairly before~~ I cannot doubt that the appropriation will be granted.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. P.

(To) Hon. Daniel M. Barringer.

To/

Hon. David M. Barringer

House of Representatives

Washington.

Dec. 3/44.

C.

Mint of the United States

December 3, 1844.

Sir,

I have this morning rec'd yours letter of the 27th ult. The assay slips are in the hands of the Assayer & will be reported upon without delay. I have in consequence of a remark made in your letter written to Mr Burringer & have suggested to him the course which I think best to be pursued in order to bring the question of rebuilding your Mint promptly & advantageously before Congress. It is the adoption of a resolution calling "upon the Secy of the Treasy for an estimate of the cost of again placing the Branch Mint at Charlotte in North Carolina in a condition for resuming its operations"

If this resolution be adopted the Secy will of course refer it to me and I am prepared to make report to him with all the necessary drawings Specifications & estimates. I have a set of these ready to be sent to you by the first opportunity. You will see that I have adopted your suggestion of making the building but one story high. I have however raised the basement considerably. The drawings arrangements estimates &c have

been ably devised and executed by Mr. Peale. The whole has been done in triplicate: one copy for the Secretary one for you and one for me. The charge for the labor &c is $207.50 which I think a fair claim upon your contingent fund & which I therefore propose to pay out of the moneys belonging to your Mint now in my hands.

I entirely approve of your proposed visit to Washington which I think may be very useful. I hope that you will extend your journey to Phila.

In presenting an estimate of the expenses of your Mint for the next fiscal year I have taken the liberty to vary from that which you had made & had laid before me. If your Mint goes again into operation you will find more than usual calls upon your contingent fund & I do not think it would be prudent to omit that item in the estimate. You had also cut down the estimate for Wages; but I have restored it in order that you may employ a door keeper & watchman. My estimate stands thus

Salaries	6000
Wages	3500
Contingents	1500.
	11,000.

Very respectfully
Yr faithful servt
R.M.P.
Director

To
G.W. Caldwell Esq
Supt. Br Mint
Charlotte
N.C.

To
L. G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Charlotte, N. C.
Dec. 3/44.

December
1844

Branch Mint Charlotte

No 1	Gold	900		
2	do	915½		
3	Silver	949	Gold	21 ~~[illegible]~~
4	do	994½		
5	do	880		
6	do	993		
7	Gold	889		

Weight 4 dwt. —

0.20

800.

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129

310

301

90

86

400

387

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3.72

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Mint U.S., Dec. 4/46

Sir,

Mr. Eckfeldt has made the following report on the assay slips sent in by you, and of which I acknowledged the receipt yesterday.

No. 1	Gold	900.	
2	"	915.5	
3	Silver	949.	Gold 21.-
4	"	994.5	
5	"	880	
6	"	993	
7	Gold	889.	

R. M. P.

To
G. W. Caldwell, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Bu. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 4/44.

Treasury Department
Dec. 4. 1844.

Sir,

I will thank you to furnish the Department as early as may be, with an Estimate of the Cost of again placing the Branch Mint at Charlotte N. Carolina in a condition for resuming its operations.

I remain very Resp.y.
Geo. M. Bibb
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.a

From Sec. of Treasury.
Dec. 7 / 44.

Rec. 9th.

Mint U.S.
Dec 13. '44.

Sir,

The package of gold bullion announced in your letter of Nov. 15, was rec'd by us on the 9th inst., & I now send enclosed the Mint rect. & memorandum.

You will observe that our weights correspond very closely with those reported by you, except for No. 7, in which you have committed an error of 100 dwts. You make the weight 377 dwts., while we found it 277 dwts 9½ grs. I hope this mistake will not give rise to any embarrassment on your part.

The amt. of your deposite will be paid to your order when called for

R. M. P.

Wm. A. Lucas Esq.
Cash. Br. Bk. State of N.C.
Charlotte, N.C.

To

Wm. A. Lucas

Cash. Br. Bk. N.C.

Charlotte, N.C.

Dec. 13. 1844.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, Dec. 14, 1844.

Sir,

I have now the honor to reply to your letter of the 7th inst., requesting me "to furnish the Department, as early as may be, with an estimate of the cost of again placing the Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina, in a condition for resuming its operations."

From the officers of the Charlotte Mint, and from a special agent sent from here, with your appropriation, to examine into the state of the machinery, I have obtained, as I believe, all the requisite information as to the amount of damage done by the fire which occurred on the 27th of July last.

Of the Main Building, it may be assumed that nothing is left that can be made available, except a portion of the materials, and perhaps of the old foundations. The out-buildings were all saved.

In the Department of the Superintendent and Treasurer, the cost, building, [illegible]

scale-beams, furniture, books, and papers were saved.

In the Assay-department, and in the Melting-room, but little injury was done.

In the Separating-room, the destruction was more considerable, but all the boilers & apparatus and material can be replaced, without resort to any new appropriation.

In the Coining department, the steam-engine was but slightly injured, and may be put into working order at a small cost.— The shafting may be repaired, and also the bearings and gearing of the rolls.— The draw-bench is so much injured that it will be expedient to replace it by a new one.— Of the cutting-presses, one can be repaired, but the other must be replaced.— The coining-presses are past repair; but one new press will be quite sufficient for the work.— The milling-machine and the rolls are destroyed.— In the machine-shop, all the lathes and tools of every kind are destroyed.

In regard to the new building which it is proposed to erect, the Superintendent, Mr. Caldwell, has suggested the advantage as well as the economy of confining it to one story above the basement. All the

operations could then be amply provided for in this arrangement, while they would be more directly under the view of the officers, and thus convenience and safety secured at the same time. ~~I therefore agree with the Cashier in the propriety of this change.~~

Having called for professional advice and assistance, I send you herewith plans of the proposed building, with full specifications, and a detailed estimate of the cost. The whole amount is $25,000.

I also send estimates, in detail, of the cost of the new machinery which will be needed, and of the repairs required to the old; the whole amount of which is $10,000.

The appropriations necessary "for placing the Branch Mint at Charlotte in a condition for resuming its operations" is therefore estimated at $35,000.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. P.
Director

To Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Secretary of the Treasury

To / Sec. of Treasury.

Dec. 14. 1844.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – 1845

Mint U.S.
Jan 4/45.

Dear Sir,

Will you do me the favor to let me know the present state of the question of re-establishing the Mint at Charlotte?

I saw that you had called on the Secretary of the Treasury for an estimate of the cost of rebuilding &c., but I have not seen any notice of his report. If he has made one, and it has been ~~published~~ printed, pray send me a copy of it.

If you have framed a bill, I feel particularly anxious to see it.

R.M.P.

To
Hon. Dan'l M. Barringer.

To

Hon. Dan'l M. Barringer

House of Representatives,

Washington.

Jan 4/46.

Washington Jan 4th 1865

Dear Sir,

The question of rebuilding the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. involving an appropriation was sent at an early day to the Committee of Ways & Means - Possibly, if that Committee insert the appropriation in the annual appropriation bill, as they probably will, its chance for success is almost certain; whereas if presented as an isolated bill on the Calendar it would not probably be reached without constant effort to bring it up. The Com. of Ways & Means have not yet reported - but will in a few days - The precise shape of the appropriation I do not yet know - but presume it will be simply to direct the necessary amount to rebuild mint, to be spent under the direction of the Secretary of Treasury & Director of the Mint at Phila.

The report of the Secretary in answer to the resolution I offered has been made & printed so far as it embraces the Estimate of cost &c - but by some inadvertence, either in the printer or in the Secretary, your letter has not been printed, though ordered to be as you will see by the enclosed document. I send you - If the Secretary has omitted to send it on his Communication, it will be forthcoming on

a day or two, as I have directed the Clerk to write to him for it — If you have a copy of it, however, I would be glad to have one from you on receipt of this note —

I shall be glad to have any suggestions from you as to the particular frame of the clause in the bill making the appropriation, placing the general control of its expenditure to yourself & the Secretary.

My general idea was to invest you & the Secretary with the whole power, having regard to utility, fitness & economy in the disbursement of the money necessary for the purpose of re-establishing the Mint.

As soon as the Committee report their Bill, I shall write you more fully —

With high regard
Yours truly.
D. M. Dennison

P.S. I shall be happy to hear from you at any time on the subject of this letter —

Dr. R. M. Patterson.

From/
Honble D. M. Barringer
House of Representatives
Washington
D.C.

Jany 4. 1845

Rec^d Jany 7. 1845

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BRANCH MINT AT CHARLOTTE, N. C.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

Copy of a letter from the director of the mint at Philadelphia, &c.

DECEMBER 19, 1844.
Read, and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
December 17, 1844.

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 5th instant, I have the honor to transmit a copy of a letter received from the director of the mint at Philadelphia, accompanied by "an estimate of the cost of again placing the branch mint at Charlotte, North Carolina, in a condition for resuming its operations."

I remain, very respectfully,
GEO. M. BIBB,
Secretary of the Treasury.

The Hon. the SPEAKER
of the House of Representatives.

Estimate for the rebuilding and machinery of the branch mint at Charlotte, Mecklenburg county, N. C.

Building.—Removing rubbish of old building, and rebuilding basement	$1,500
Brick-work	2,800
Carpenter's work	3,500
Lumber	4,000
Plastering	2,000
Ironmongery	800
Blacksmith's work	1,750
Roof	1,000
Stone-work	800
Rough-casting	800

Gutters	$400	
Stone-work	2,000	
		$21,350
Contingencies		3,650
Total		$25,000

Machinery.—Repairs to old, and cost of new steam engine, and main shaft, &c.	$300	
Roll housings and gearing	200	
Chilled rolls, (new)	240	
Pointing rolls, (new)	250	
Draw-bench, (new)	800	
Shears	75	
Cutting presses, (one new)	300	
Milling machine	300	
Press, (new)	3,500	
Shafting and hangers	200	
Cleaning annealing and other furnaces	500	
Grinding-mill, (new)	250	
		$6,915
Tools—		
Large lathe	$350	
Slide rest	150	
Small lathe and slide rest	200	
Turning tools	50	
Files	100	
Vices	15	
Stocks, taps, and dyes	150	
Blacksmith's tools, complete	350	
		1,365
Pump and well repairs		100
Contingencies		1,620
Total		$10,000

RECAPITULATION.

Building	$25,000
Machinery	6,915
Tools	1,365
Pump and well repairs	100
Contingencies	1,620
Total	$35,000

Mint of the United States.
Jan. 6th, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d inst., ~~making inquiry whether the salaries of the officers of the Branch Mint at Charlotte are still paid, whether these officers have~~ and, in reply to it, I have to state, first, that the Officers of the Branch Mint at Charlotte still continue to hold their commissions and to receive their salaries; and that, at my last advices, ~~on the matter~~, the workmen, not exceeding four in number, were ~~are~~ still employed about the establishment, and receive wages.

The question of the propriety of discontinuing the offices, ~~in their~~ should, in my judgment, be made to depend upon the action of Congress with regard to the proposed measure of again putting this Mint in operation. ~~The~~ I know that the Assayer and Coiner depend upon their present ~~offices and~~ salaries for the support of themselves and their families. If this resource should be cut off, it would be necessary for these gentlemen, to seek other employment, and, no doubt, in other places. How, then, could there be any certainty of ~~being~~

~~able to~~ commanding their services, rendered peculiarly valuable by their ~~[illegible]~~ skill and experience, — when these services may be required? They appear to me to be in the position of officers of the army or navy, who though not actually employed, are held under orders. ~~and with regard to whom they are receiving pay.~~ But, if ~~the~~ it be determined that the Charlotte Mint shall be again rebuilt and set in operation, the officers can immediately make themselves useful, — and particularly the Superintendent, under whose immediate charge the work ought, in my opinion, to be placed, and not, as before, in the hands of a Special Commissioner. The Coiner, too, would be of ~~[illegible]~~ almost indispensable service in ~~the~~ setting up and putting into action the new machinery; ~~In deed, if if the Mint is to be again put in operation, I think~~ and Analogous duties would be required of the Assayer in his department. If then, the Mint is to be restored, I think it would be impolitic to ~~interfere with~~ interrupt its present official organization.

I have been informed, by the Superintendent, that the workmen have been usefully employed in removing rubbish, and in other necessary labors about the building, and in guarding the premises. I do not know ~~to~~ whether they

are all still needed for such services, or indeed whether they are all still under pay. If, however, the building and machinery are to be restored, it is certain that these men could be at once made very useful.

R. M. P.

Dear

To/
Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Sec. of Trans.

To Sec. of Treasury
Jan. 6/45.

January 1846

Mint of the United States
January 7. 1845.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your prompt answer to my inquiries.

There is but one objection to the course which has been given to the question of rebuilding the Branch Mint at Charlotte, and that may, I hope, be removed, by introducing a special provision. The appropriations are usually made, in the great bill, for the following fiscal year, and that does not commence till July next. If the appropriation "for placing the Branch Mint at Charlotte in a condition for resuming its operations" be not available until that time, the most important period of the year would be lost, and the object in view would be most injuriously delayed.

The simple form which you suggest for carrying out the purpose of the appropriation will answer the purpose perfectly. It places the power & responsibility in the right hands

Very respy. yr. faithful servt.
R. M. P.

To/
Hon D. M. Barringer
Washington D.C.

To/
Honble D. M. Barringer
House of Representatives
Washington D.C.
Jany 7th 1845

Mint of the U States
January 7. 1845

Sir,

The day of the annual assay is now at hand, (10th proximo,) and we have not yet received the Coins, reserved for trial, from your Mint. Let me pray you to have them forwarded without delay, as heretofore.

I received a letter from Mr Barringer this morning. The appropriation for reestablishing your Mint is before the Com: of Ways & Means. - The Committee has made inquiry as to the necessity of continuing your officers and Salaries. I have answered that if the Mint is to be re-established, the official organization, ought not by any means to be interrupted.

Very respy Yr faithful servt
R. M. P.

To G. W. Caldwell Esq,
Supr Br Mint
Charlotte NC

To/
G. W. Caldwell Esq
Supt. Bo Mint
Charlotte
NC
Jany 7. 1845

January 1845

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 17 January 1845.

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst has been received, requesting me to forward the Coins of this Mint reserved for the annual assay.

Expecting to have had the pleasure of paying you a visit, I intended to have carried them with me, but having abandoned the idea of going just at this time, I was preparing to forward them, when your letter was received. I now transmit them, through the Secy of the Treasy to your address at Philadelphia — there are 12 separate parcels, 10 containing each 4 ½ Eagles = $200. and 2 containing each 4 ¼ Eagles = $20. total $220.00 which I hope will arrive safe and in time, and for which you will be pleased to give me credit on my A/c with you.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G.W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From

Green W. Caldwell,

Supt. Br. Mint,

Charlotte.

Jan. 17 / 45.

Rec'd Jan. 22d.

Treasury Department
Jan'y. 22. 1845.

Sir

I send to your address by this mail a box of Coins from the Branch Mint at Charlotte reserved for the annual assay to be had at Philad.a on the 10.th prox.o

I remain very Resp.y.

Geo. M. Bibb
Sec.e of the Treasury

D.r R. M. Patterson
Philad.a

From
Sec. of Treasury
Jan. 22/45.
Rec'd 23d.

Mint U.S., Jan 23/45.

Sir,

I received yesterday your letter of the 17th, and to-day the box of Assay-Coins which it had announced.

I am sorry that any thing has prevented your visit to Washington and Philadelphia. I think it is important, that I have no doubt the expenses of your journey would be paid from your contingent fund with the approbation of the Department. I should certainly recommend it as a proper expenditure.

R. M. P.

Dr

To
Geo. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
Charlotte N.C.

To
Geo. W. Caldwell,
Sub. Bu. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

Jan. 23/45.

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Dr Sir

Herewith I send you by Mr
Bispham a Box Containing twenty parcels of
Gold Bullion as follows

					Gross	
No. 1	J. Trotter	8	Bars		2.208.	12
× 2.	D M Walker	9	Bars		3.041	
3	J. J. Maxwell	14	"		1.289.	22
4.	Peoples & Maxwell	14	"		1.280.	7
5	W. W. Elms	2	"		772	2
6	R. C. Carson & Co	2	"		856.	6
7	Ch Stewart	5	"		1.852.	10
8	Elms & Martin	5	"		2.264.	12
9	R. S. McGee	2	"		227.	13
10	R. S. McGee	1	"		129.	20
11	N. Armfield	2	"		700.	15
12	H B Williams	4	"		871.	6
13	G. Rea	1	"		225.	18
14	L. Springs	1	"		308.	19
15	J. D. Winchester	1	"		184.	0
16	D. M. Walker & Co	1	"		877.	12
17	J. J. Maxwell	3	"		822.	8
18	Ch. Trotter	2	"		765.	6
× 19	D M Walker	1	"	a pay with No 2	77.	21
20	J. H. Bispham	1	"		96.	12

which please hand a pay D seperately and send
me Certificate of apay by mail as early a
Convenient -

In the Box is an additional parcel belo

ing to Mr W. A. Williams Containing Twelve Bars which which apay to itself and send me a Certificate in his name and let the proceed stand to his Credit on the Books of the Mint

Very Respectfully
Yr Ob Servt
W. A. Lucas
Cashr

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

The error was mine in the last package sent - taking the weights in a hurry.

From Wm. A. Smeal,
Cash. Br. Bk. N.C
Charlotte, N.C
Feb. 26. 1845
Rec. Mar. 10.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U. S.
March 8, 1845.

Sir,

Enclosed you have a memorandum of a gold deposite made by Mr. Springs in the name of Mr. Williams, on the 6th inst., which I send in compliance with your request. The Mint Receipt, (upon presentation of which by Mr. Williams, or with his endorsement the amt. will be paid,) was taken by Mr. Springs.

R. M. P.
Dl.

To
W. A. Lucas,
Cashr. Bk. N.C.,
Charlotte,
N.C.

To/

Wm. A. Lucas, Esq.,
Cash. Br. Bank N.C.
Charlotte.
March 8. 1845.

Mint U. S.

March 13th, 1865.

Sir,

I beg leave to ask your attention to the following paragraphs, in the recent appropriation act, having reference to the Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina.

"For the erection of a building in the place of the one destroyed by fire, twenty-five thousand dollars; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby required to arrange the plan of the building, and the execution of it, that the whole cost of the building shall not exceed the aforesaid sum.

"For the purchase of machinery and tools, including repairs of the old, and contingencies, ten thousand dollars; and that the expenditure of the appropriations for the erection of the building and the purchase and repair of machinery be commenced as soon as practicable after the passage of this act."

In consequence of a call from the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Treasury applied to me, on the 7th of December last, for an estimate of the cost of again placing the Branch Mint at Charlotte in a condition for resuming its operations."

I replied on the 14th of the same month, and sent to the Department plans of the proposed building, with full specifications, and a detailed estimate of the cost. I also presented estimates in detail of the cost of the new machinery needed, and of the repairs required to the old.

The appropriations made were founded on these estimates, and corresponded with them.

I presume that the first steps required, ~~to be taken~~ in the execution of the work thus provided for ~~by the resolutions of the Charlotte Mint~~ is that the plans ~~which~~ submitted to the Department shall become your appropriation. If this be given, it will then ~~be necessary that an agent or agents be employed for carrying into effect the~~ rest with you to select an agent or agents for carrying them into execution.

When the Branch Mints were ~~erected and to be~~ established, the general superintendence of the work was committed to the Director of the Mint; and if it be your pleasure to take the same course now, I will set on foot the needful measures, without delay.

~~The~~ On the former occasion, the erection of the buildings was entrusted to a Commissioner, who made the contracts, and paid the moneys. I would suppose that this

duty should now be performed by the superintendent under the instructions of the Director, and as, he has a salary, without under the act, his salary would, in this case, be contingent, I think that no commission should be allowed on his disbursements.

The new machinery must be made in Philadelphia, and part of it, perhaps, at this Mint. This will of course be committed to me. It would become my duty to place the work in proper hands.

Having thus laid this matter before you, respectfully, I now await your instructions with regard to it.

R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
Hon. Robert J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. of Treasury
(Hon. R. J. Walker)

March 13. 1845.

March 1845

Mint of the United States.
March 14, 1845.

Sir,

I send enclosed a copy of so much of the appropriating act as has reference to the Charlotte Branch Mint.

I regret exceedingly the condition which suspends the payment of salaries to the officers until the Mint is in a condition to resume its operations. My views on this matter were asked, ~~and given by~~ by the Secretary of the Treasury, by desire of the Committee of Ways & Means, on the 2d of January, and I presented them in such a manner as I hoped would have permitted this step. It was only on consulting the act, at the office of the Secretary of State, on a visit at Washington, whence I have just returned, that I found my reasoning had led to nothing more than the introduction of a proviso, which, I fear, can be effectual only for ~~good~~ evil. I am the more impressed by this apprehension by the fact that such was the opinion expressed by Mr. Secretary Walker at an interview which I had with him on the 11th inst.

I have laid before the Secretary my views as to course to be pursued for the reorganization of your Mint, and I now only await his instructions, in order to communicate with you on the subject. I have proposed that there should be no Commissioner appointed, but that the duties of superintending the erection of the building, and making the disbursements, should be given to the Superintendent.

I am now informed, ~~that~~ (I hope not correctly,) that the remaining machinery has been left exposed to the weather, and to depredations. I feel it my duty to call your attention immediately to this subject.

R. M. T.

To/
C. W. Cadwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To

G. W. Caldwell
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

March 14. 1845.

U. S. Mint, 8 o'c. Monday Morn.

Dear Sir,

I go in the 9 o'clock boat. — I took home with me on Sat. eve. the Specifications of Charlotte Mint, & being at leisure, copied about half: my brother will finish it to-day. I can think of nothing, in Mint affairs, requiring mention.

Good by respectfully Yours truly

Geo. F. Downing

Dr. R. M. Patterson,

Director U. S. Mint.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 19th March 1845.

Sir

Your favor of the 14th Inst. enclosing a copy of so much of the Appropriation Act as refers to this Branch of the Mint, has been received and I regret to find that the proviso suspending the salaries of the Officers has been retained, which will operate as a very great hardship upon them as they are all poor.

I suppose that I will retained as Superintendent of the Building, and if so, I shall make application at the proper time to retain the services of the Clerk, should you think it would be available.

I am very surprized that any person should have informed you "that the remaining machinery has been left exposed to the weather", as such is not the fact. The light and fine pieces were immediately put away, cleaned and oiled, and have been under lock and key in the Kitchen ever since — the heavier and coarser pieces were put under a shed protected from the weather.

I do not know to whom I am indebted for giving you such information, but suppose it was some of the citizens of this section of Country, who, profess to be very friendly to the Mint, but have always been its secret and bitter opponents.

These reports however do not trouble me much, especially as I am able to satisfy you of their being utterly unfounded, for I assure you that not only has the machinery been taken care of, but the lot itself has been attended to, is under lock and key, and the almost daily inspection of either Mr. Strange or myself —

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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G. W. Caldwell, Esq
Sup. Bn. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
March 19/45.
Rec. 24th.

Mint U.S. March 27/65.

Sir,

I had the honor of writing to you on the 15th inst. to ask your approbation of the plans which had been laid before the Department, for rebuilding and re-establishing the Branch Mint at Charlotte, and to which and to beg your instructions in order to enable me to take immediate measures for carrying these plans into execution. Will you excuse me for again taking the liberty of asking for your action in this important matter. I find that there is great anxiety at Charlotte that the work should be begun without delay.

If the plans, specifications, and estimates which were sent by me to the Department, in December last, be not now there, they will, I presume, be found in the room of the Committee of Ways & Means.

R. M. P.

Hon. Robert J. Walker,
Sec. of Treas.

To
Sec. of Treasury.

March 27/45

Treasury Department
April 2d. 1845.

Sir,

In consequence of the great press of business on the Department, I could not give earlier attention to your communications dated the 13th & 27th ult., which were duly received.

I have now to say that the plan for the building for the Branch Mint to be erected at Charlotte is approved. The building will be constructed under your general superintendence and direction - Mr G. W. Caldwell, the Superintendent at Charlotte, being retained for the purpose of carrying out the details.

You will be pleased therefore, to give the necessary instructions to Mr Caldwell urging a completion of the work as rapidly as may be consistent with its faithful execution, and earnestly enforcing upon him the necessity of not exceeding in his expenditures the amounts appropriated by Congress

The plan submitted by you is in the Department, and will be transmitted to you, or to Mr Caldwell as you may desire The estimates &c were sent to the Committee of

ways and means, but it is presumed can be obtained again if you have not copies.

I Remain very respectfully
R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philad.a

From/ Secretary of Treasury
April 2d, 1845.
Received " 3 "

April 1845

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, April 5th, 1845.

Sir,

I send herewith enclosed a copy of a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, giving his instructions as to the rebuilding of the Branch Mint at Charlotte.

You will be pleased, through the Department, plans and elevations of the building to be erected, with specifications, and an estimate.

You will please to take immediate measures for procuring proposals for the execution of the work for the building, under the conditions contained in the Specifications.

You will judge whether it would be most expedient to engage with a single contractor for the whole work, or with separate contractors for different parts. In the latter case, the following would seem to be a natural division.

For Brick and Stone work, including the materials, and the removal of the rubbish of the old building.

For Carpenter work

For Brick and Stone Work, and Materials of all kinds belonging to it, including the iron ties, and hinges and vault iron door and frames. Also the removal of the rubbish of the old building.

For Carpenter work and materials of all kinds connected with it, — such as lumber, ~~iron~~ shingles, iron-mongery, copper for valley gutters, &c.

For Plastering, including the Rough casting of the walls, and all the materials.

For Painting and Glazing, and all the materials used.

~~I will be glad that you should~~

You will please to report your proceedings to me, from time to time; and be assured that I shall always be happy to aid you, in your work, ~~it~~ in every way in my power.

I have already taken measures as to the machinery. The press, milling-machine, and draw-bench, I propose to make at this Mint. This will ~~be~~ insure quite economy, and the best work.

R. M. Patterson
Director.

To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

P. S.

P.S.:- As I find it necessary to revise the estimates, I ~~shall~~ must postpone sending them to you, for a few days.

To/ C. U. Caldwell Esq
Sup. U.S. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.
Apl 5th 1846

April 18-46

Mint of the United States.
April 5, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d inst., conveying to me your instructions with regard to the rebuilding &c. of the Branch Mint at Charlotte.

~~I am not now about to take the preliminary measures for setting the commencement of the work. As to the building I am~~

I am already taken measures as to the machinery required, the greater part of which I propose to have made, at in the machine shop of the Mint. This course will insure economy, and the best workmanship.

I have given my instructions and advice to Mr. Green W. Caldwell, the Superintendent of the Charlotte Mint, as to the measures to be taken by him for the the construction of the building.

I take the liberty of sending, ~~herewith~~ to be forwarded under your frank to Mr. Caldwell, a copy of the Specifications, which you state to have been

sent from the Department to the Committee of Ways and Means.

~~You will~~ I gladly ~~ac~~ avail myself of your offer to ~~send~~ transmit to Mr. Caldwell, the plans of the building now in the Department. I have a copy of them at the Mint, for my own use.

R. M. P.

Hon. Robt J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

1/0/ Secy of the Treasury
April 5th 1845.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 16th April 1845.

Sir

Your letter of the 5th Inst was received, accompanied by a copy of a letter to you from the Secy of the Treasury, and the specifications for rebuilding the Branch Mint in this place.

Under those instructions and specifications, I have engaged with a single Contractor to do the whole work, conceiving that it would be more faithfully and speedily executed under one contract, than under two or three — the responsibility not being divided, one would feel himself under greater inducements to see that the whole was properly and faithfully executed than being divided into 3 or more contracts, each only looked to his own portion of the work to be executed.

Mr Henry L. Owens, a resident of this place, with whom I have contracted, is a faithful and skillful workman, a man of character and responsibility, and one who will take a deep interest in the faithful execution of the work. He enters into Bond with ample security in the penal sum of $30.000 for the faithful performance of the work according to the instructions, specifications and drawings of the Building by the 1st day of January 1846, for which I agree to give him on behalf of the Government $20.000. He commences operations immediately, I will therefore thank you to have the drawings forwarded to me at your earliest convenience.

I have no doubt I have made a good contract for the Government in every point of view, not only in saving $5.000. of the appropriation but also in insuring a well executed Building, by contracting with a resident of this place in whom the community have every confidence — not so with those who might come from abroad, whose only anxiety is about the contract price, as recently evidenced in a new Court House built in this place by a Stranger

age and even the former building of the Mint

Hoping it will meet your approbation

I am very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

G. W. Caldwell

Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Tenn

G. W. Caldwell

Sup. Br. Mint

Charlotte, N.C.

Apr. 16/45.

Rec'd 21st

Mint of the United States.
April 19th, 1845.

Sir,

I send herewith ~~your~~ my account with your Mint for the first quarter of the present year, showing a balance to my credit of $550.60. ~~accompanied by vouchers~~

On the 10th inst., there was forwarded to you a crate of stone-ware, ordered ~~by you~~ upon the burning of your Mint.

I send inclosed an estimate of the ~~expense of~~ rebuilding the Charlotte Branch Mint. As we are ignorant of the cost of materials and labor at that place, an estimate must necessarily be very imperfect; but ~~even~~ even an approximation may be useful to you in making your contracts. In the printed estimate laid before Congress, the article of painting and glazing was accidentally omitted.

I am anxious to hear of your progress in the important work committed to you, and learn to lay that

you will will write to me frequently and fully. The position in which the recent act of Congress has placed your fellow-officers makes it of the deepest interest to them that the work should be hastened to a conclusion with all possible dispatch.

R. M. P.

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To
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S. A workman here, who is in high estimation, has an intention of offering proposals for your building, which I shall forward to you. I have ~~but~~ just learned this. ~~for~~

Estimates

for the Rebuilding of the Branch Mint of the United States, at Charlotte, North Carolina.

	Dollars.
Stone and Brickwork, including materials of all kinds, and iron ties, hinges, Vault-doors and frames, &c. Also removal of the rubbish of the old building, - - - - -	8,100.
Carpenters Work, and materials of all kinds connected with it; lumber, shingles, iron-work, ironmongery, copper for valley-gutters, &c. - - - - - - -	10,450.
Plastering, (including that of the walls outside,) and all the materials, - - -	2,800
Painting & Glazing; including the glass and all the materials, - - - - -	1,200
Total. $	22,550

To/ G.W. C. Esq.
April 19. 1845

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G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

April 19. 1845.

Mint U.S.
April 21 / 45

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 16th inst., and am truly gratified to find that you have taken your measures regarding the New Mint Building so promptly, and that you have succeeded in obtaining a Contractor in whom you and the community around you have confidence, and who is willing to undertake the work at a fair price. — I say a fair price; for ~~I~~ I have reason to believe that a competent and responsible contractor ~~could~~ would have ~~been made~~ offered himself here, at the same rate.

I am surprised to learn, from your letter, that you have not received the drawings, from the Treasury Department. I asked that they should be forwarded, when I sent on the Specifications. I will again write to ~~the~~ remind the Secretary of my former request, made in consequence of his own offer. It will give me pleasure, at the same time, to inform him of the steps which you have taken.

I am advised, by an Architect here, to suggest the following changes in the specifications respecting the timbers of the roof. The object is to lighten the roof; and you will see that they are also for the benefit of the Contractor.

Roof:	Girders or ties,	for 8 × 12	use	7 × 10.
	Principal rafters	" 8 × 8	"	10 × 6
	King Posts	" 8 × 12	"	6 × 10
	Ridge — —	" 7 × 7	"	7 × 4
	Rafters — — —	" 6 × 3½	"	5 × 2.

The patterns for the machinery are all repaired, and the castings are now making. ~~the of~~ Some of the forging is done, and we shall be working here at the Mint, in the course of a week. ~~You~~

R. M. P.

To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

To/ G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

April 21. 1845.

Mint U.S.
April 21 / 45.

Sir,

By a letter of the 16th inst., just received from Green W. Caldwell Esq., Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, I have ~~t~~ received the ~~following~~ information, which I have now the honor to communicate to you.

Mr. Caldwell states that, ~~he has ma~~ "under the instructions and specifications" that had been sent to him, he has made a contract for the erection of the New Mint Building with Mr. Henry C. Owens. That "he is a faithful and skilful workman, a man of character and responsibility, and one who will take a deep interest in the faithful execution of the work. That he is a resident of the place, and one in whom the community have every confidence." He enters into bond, with ample security, in the penal sum of $30,000, for the faithful performance of the work, according to the instructions, specifications, and drawings of the building, by the 1st day of January 1846."

This contract ~~cannot but~~ appears to me to be perfectly satisfactory.

In my letter to you of the 5th inst., I say that "I gladly avail myself of your offer to transmit to Mr. Caldwell the plans of the building, now in the Department." I find from his letter that they had not been received. If this transmission has been overlooked, may I ask that you will now cause them to be forwarded. It is essential that they be in the hands of the Superintendent and Contractor.

R. M. C.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

For Sec. of Treasury,

April 21. 1845.

Copy

Charlotte, N. C.
May 3d. 1845

Dear Sir,

This note will make you acquainted with Dr. J. R. Gibbon, Assayer of the Branch Mint at this place. Dr. Gibbon is a gentleman of science, who has been several years in the employment of the Government, but whose salary is now suspended under the operation of the clause in the annual appropriation bill making the appropriation for rebuilding the Mint at this place. By that act the Sec. of Treasury is directed to suspend the salaries of the officers of the Mint unless they are employed in supervising the construction of the work. It is believed that the service of Dr. Gibbon would be very important in erecting that portion of the building in which his operations are to be conducted, and that his services would be useful to the Government, at least for a portion of the time that may be consumed in rebuilding the Mint. He will explain more fully to you and the Sec. of Treasury — I write this note to you, having no special acquaintance with the Hon. Mr. Walker.

Your attention will oblige Dr. Gibbon, and especially your very obed't Sert.

(sgnd) L. M. Barringer

Hon. Cave Johnson

(Copy)

From/ Hon. D. M. Barringer,
Charlotte N.C.
May 3/65

To/ Hon. Andr Johnson.

June 19/.

Mint of the United States.
May 20th, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant, in my favor, for One thousand dollars, ($1000,) out of the appropriation for the purchase of machinery and tools, including repairs of the old, and contingencies," for the Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina.

The construction of the new machinery for the Charlotte Mint is now going on very successfully in the workshop at the Mint here, — an arrangement ~~by~~ which secures, at the same time, the greatest economy and the best work.

R. M. P.
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Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treas.

To Sec. of Treasury.

May 20. 1845.

Treasury Department
Jan - 2 - 1845.

Sir

Application has been made to the Department by the Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means to know whether the Salaries are still paid to the officers of the Mint at Charlotte - & whether those officers have performed any duties since the destruction of the Mint by fire - Whether those offices might not be discontinued until services are required to be performed and whether there is any necessity for continuing at present the laborers &c employed about the establishment.

I will thank you for any information you may have and for your views in relation to these matters. &c

I remain very Respy

Geo. M. Bibb
Sec. of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
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From
Hon. Geo. M. Bibb,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Jan. 2 / 45.
Rec'd 4th.

January 1845

Treasury Department
May 21st 1845

Sir,

The appropriation out of which you request an advance of $1000 for the purchase of Machinery Tools &c for the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. having, by the Act of Congress of March 3d 1845, been made for the service of the fiscal year, which commences on the 1st of July next, the remittance, desired by your letter of the 20th inst. must be deferred until that time.

To remove any misapprehension as to the true amount now to the credit of the appropriation for the incidental & contingent Expenses &c of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia it may be proper to remark, that after deducting the sum of $3973 directed this day to be remitted in compliance with your letter of the 19th inst. a balance of $4.104.3 will still remain.

Very Respectfully Sir,
Your Obt Servt
R. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From Sec. of Treasury.

May 21. 1845.

Rec'd. — 22. —

Mint of the United States.
May 26, 1845.

Sir,

A short absence from the city has delayed an answer to your letter of the 21st inst.

In it, you state that the appropriation out of which I had applied for an advance of $1000 for the purchase of Machinery, tools, &c. for the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C., had been made for the service of the fiscal year which commences on the 1st of July next, and that the remittance desired by me must be deferred until that time.

I think that a mistake has been committed in this statement by overlooking a proviso attached to this particular appropriation. It is "that the expenditure for the erection of the building and the purchase and repair of machinery be commenced as soon as practicable after the passage of this act." [Supply Laws, p. 61.] This essential condition was introduced, on motion of Mr. Bancroft, and at my suggestion. Without it, much important time must have been lost in the

speedy execution of the work necessary for again putting the Charlotte Mint in operation.

With this explanation, I am the more anxious to renew the application made in my letter of the 21st inst.

R. M. P.

To

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To Sec. of Treasury.

May 26/45.

Mint of the United States.
May 30th, 1845.

Sir,

I received, this morning, a draft for One thousand dollars, ~~on my requisition~~ under the appropriation "For the purchase of machinery and tools, including repairs of the old, and contingencies," for the Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina.

I have now the honor to request instructions from the Department as to the mode of accounting for the expenditures which I am making under the appropriation in question. What I wish to know is whether the amounts drawn are charged against me as Director, or against the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, and consequently whether I am to account directly to the Department, or to the Treasurer of the Branch Mint.

R. M. Patterson
Dr

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To

Sec. of Treasury.

May 30. 1845.

Treasury Department -
June 3. 1845.

Sir,

The Treasurer of the Ustates has, this day, been instructed to issue transfer drafts in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, on the Banks in N. York and Philadelphia amounting in the aggregate to ($100.000) One hundred thousand dollars. The drafts are made payable at the Mint in Mexican dollars or silver bullion and I will thank you to cause that amount to be coined, as rapidly as may be, into dimes and half dimes, in order to meet the demand for those coins which will be created when the new P. office law shall go into operation.

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult. I would remark that the sum of $1000 remitted to you on a/c of the machinery for the Branch Mint at Charlotte has been charged to you, and, it will, therefore, be proper that you keep a separate a/c of your disbursements under that head and render it directly to the Department.

I remain very Respectfully
R. J. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Philadelphia.

From Sec. of Treasury,

June 3. 1845.

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From/
G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
June 6. 1845.
Rec'd. — 11. —

Phila delphia

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 6th June 1845.

Sir

I have the pleasure of informing you that we are getting on rapidly in the rebuilding of the Mint — all the walls have been pulled down to the stone foundation, and the rubbish carted away — the Brickmakers and Stone Masons are busily engaged — and the bricks that have been made are so far of a very fine quality.

In the specification I notice that the Roof of the Building is to be covered with Cedar shingles, I am informed that shingles of that description cannot be procured any where near to this section of Country, but that cypress or juniper shingles can be obtained in any quantities from the low country of this State or from South Carolina. I would respectfully suggest whether it would not be better, safer, and in fact more economical to expend the $5000 saved in the contract for building, in covering the Roof with Copper, if it could be done for that amount: should the suggestion meet your approbation, would you have the goodness to have an estimate of the probable expense made and forwarded to me, or should it be deemed inexpedient to cover with Copper, am I to insist that the shingles to be put on shall be of Cedar.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U.S.
June 6 / 45.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst., announcing the important decision which you have taken of procuring a deposites to be made at the Mint, of $100,000, in Silver bullion or foreign coins, to be coined into dimes and half-dimes, in order to meet the demand for those coins about to be created when the new Post-office law shall go into operation. You may be assured that every exertion will be made, on our part, to second your views in this case by the earliest possible preparation of the coins required.

Your instructions as to the moneys remitted to me on account of the machinery for the Branch Mint at Charlotte shall be attended to.

R. M. P.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treas'y

To/ Sec. of Treasury.

June 6/45.

Mint U.S. June 11, 1845.

Sir,

I am glad to learn from your letter of the 6th., just received, that you are advancing so well in the work of rebuilding your Mint. I have also to acknowledge your favorable report as to the machinery, in which we are making very satisfactory progress.

I cannot consent to your introducing a metallic roof, even of copper. They are much more expensive than wooden roofs, are more liable to leak, and very little more secure from fire, — for it is from the inside that this calamity almost always has its origin in insulated buildings. I have no objection to your substituting cypress or juniper shingles for cedar.

I shall be glad to hear, from time to time, of your progress in the work.

R. M. P.

C. W. Caldwell, Esq
Superintendent of Branch Mint
Charlotte, N. C.

To G. W. Caldwell,
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

June 11. 1845.

Philadelphia 20 June 1845

Sir,

I have addressed the Hon R. J. Walker, Secretary of the Treasury, a request that he would not suspend my salary, but consider it advisable to retain my services to superintend such portions of the internal structure of the Mint Building in North Carolina — as are necessary, ~~promptly~~ to resume the operations of Melting & Assaying.

Experience at the commencement of our duties in the Original Branch Mint proved the importance of early requisitions, and attention to the ordering, fabrication & forwarding of the various supplies necessarily sent from a distance — as well as the supervision of the furnaces fixtures & erections within the building — indispensable for the practical operations of the Mint.

These attentions devolved upon the officers in charge of the several appartments &, I think, a space of fully nine months was consumed in completing our arrangements,

with the general appearance of the Officers of the Mother Mint — the presence of one of them at Charlotte — and the aid of drawings & experienced masons — although, at the same time, a Commissioner of the Building was superintending — and a separate contract was made for putting up the engine & Coining apparatus —

The Melting of deposits, for which the Treasurer is responsible — and their repay — of which I have charge — are very urgently called for — because when its value is ascertained with precision by assay, the Mints will find no difficulty in obtaining advances upon bullion.

If in your opinion my services would be important in preparing, forwarding — and superintending these arrangements — you would oblige me by employing me —

Much private property was destroyed in my opinion at the burning of the Mint — While almost all the public property under my charge was saved — and has been carefully arranged by me for future service.

I am very respectfully

J. H. Gibbon.

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint —

Assayer U.S. Branch Mint N.C.

Dr. R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From John H. Gibbon,
Assayer of Br. Mint,
at Charlotte.
Philadelphia
June 20/45.

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Mint U.S.
July 1/45.

Sir,

At the request of Dr. Gibbon, Assayer of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, I send the enclosed copy of a letter, written on the 6th of January, ~~last~~, to the late Secretary of the Treasury. Dr. Gibbon has stated that it was not on the files of the Department; ~~because, no doubt, it was sent to the Committee of Ways and Means.~~

I have now only to say, with regard to it, that the opinions which I then expressed I still fully entertain.

R. M. P.

To/
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To Sec. of Treasury
July 1/45.

July 1845

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 4th July 1845.

Sir

I have the melancholy information to communicate of the death of our Coiner W. Bollins, which happened this morning, after a protracted illness of many months, although not confined to his bed until latterly. He has left a large Family, which I am afraid is in quite a destitute condition, and unable to do any thing for themselves as most of them are quite young.

We are progressing very well in the accumulation of materials for rebuilding the Mint with the exception of lumber, which on account of the excessive and protracted drought is with great difficulty to be obtained — as soon however as the streams become full, no delay will occur in the sawing, as the Contractor has engaged several saw mills to work for him as soon as water can be obtained.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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E. M. Caldwell,
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte, N.C.

Rec'd July 10/45 4th

Mont Ida
July 5 /45.

Sir,

I send inclosed my account with you for the quarter which has just closed.

Among the charges there is one for forge work, ($43.85,) which ought properly to have been charged to the Machine account, and paid out of that fund. It would be inconvenient now, however, to change its place, and it is of no real importance to do so. I have therefore concluded to let it stand.

We are getting forward very successfully and rapidly with the machinery. Pray let us know how you get on with the building.

R. M. P.

W. G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint.
Charlotte, N. C.

To
G. W. Caldwell, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

July 5/45.

July 1845

July 12/45.

Washington City 10 July 1845

Sir,

I was enabled to speak with the Secretary of the Treasury for the first time this afternoon.

He has directed the Chief Clerk to write that you are authorized to employ the officers of the Branch Mint in North Carolina.

I await your decision in this city.

I am very respectfully

Yr. Obt. Sot.

J. H. Gibbon.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From/

Dr. I. R. Gibbon,

(Assayer Br. M. Charlotte

Washington

Rec^d 10

July 12/45.

Mint, N.C.
July 10th, 1845.

Sir,

I have received, this morning, a letter from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, announcing the death, on the 4th inst., of Mr. John R. Bolton, the Coiner of that Mint. Mr. Bolton held this office in the Charlotte Mint, from the commencement of its operations; and now, unhesitatingly, leaves a large family in a helpless and destitute condition, — a circumstance which induces my regret that it should have been thought proper to suspend his salary.

It is ~~very~~ important that this place thus rendered vacant should be filled by a competent man, and I think it ~~very~~ desirable that he should be an expert machinist, who could make his services immediately available. I will take the liberty of ~~myself~~ making inquiry for such an individual, and will make report to you of my success.

R. M. P.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec. of Treas.

Sec. of Treasury

July 10/43

Treasury Department
July 11. 1845.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 1st. instant calling my attention to a letter addressed by you to the Department in January last a copy of which was also received.

As you state that in your judgment it is expedient that the Assayer and Coiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte be continued in service for the purpose of superintending the construction of the furnaces & machinery belonging to their respective departments - You are authorised to employ both those officers - and you will be pleased to give them the necessary instructions.

I remain very respy
R. J. Walker
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada

From Sec. of Treasury

Rec'd July 14/15. 11th

Washington City 12 July 1845

Sir,

I was this morning informed at the Treasury Department of the death of Mr Bolton.

I enclose to you two recommendations of my Son Robert Gibbon, from his professors at Washington College in Tennessee, & at Yale College, New Haven — where as an irregular Student he attended courses of lectures upon the Natural Sciences generally.

He has, by nature, great mechanical ingenuity — and a tact in the management of workmen which is ~~[illegible]~~ very important.

He is acclimated in the South after a residence of several years — & is very anxious to obtain the situation of Coiner which I solicit for him.

I feel persuaded that six months attendance at the Mint in Philadelphia would render him competent to perform his duties to your satisfaction — & it would be a pleasure to me to attend to any matters relating to the Coinnes department in Charlotte during his absence. He is now 22 years of age and residing near Charlotte — occupied with his studies under the circumstances I think it best to await your direction in this city — I have

return me the within documents with your reply.

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servant

J. H. Gibbon.

Dr. R. M. Pattison,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

P.S. Upon consideration I have inclosed you Copies of the recommendations.

Copy

Washington College East Tennessee
June 22 1844

Mr. Robert Gibbon is hereby recommended to any institution to which he may apply for admission.
He was connected, as an irregular Student, with Washington College for one year, and during that time won the esteem of the professors by his truly gentlemanly deportment and application to study, and strict attention to all the duties imposed upon him by the regulations of the institution.
We may add that Mr Gibbon is the possessor of talents which will entitle him to a respectable standing in any institution.

/ Signed / A. Alexander Doak.
Pres. Washington College

Copy

Mr Robert Gibbon was intimately known to me during a residence of more than one year at New Haven in attendance on my courses of instruction in Yale College. As a diligent & faithful Student making laudable progress - & as an amiable man & a gentleman of modest & courteous manners and of pure morals he enjoyed the approbation & esteem of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance - and none more than of

/ Signed / B. Silliman

Yale College July 1. 1845

Copy of Recommendations
of Robert Gibbon

From

Dr. John A. Gibbon

Assayer Ch. Br. U.

Washington. D.C.

12th

Rec'd July 14/43.

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Prof. R. M. Patterson —

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia —

Mint U. S., July 16/45.

Dear Sir,

Before I received your letter of the 12th, I wrote, under date of the 10th, to the Secretary of the Treasury, as follows:

"It is very important that the place [of Mr. Britton] thus rendered vacant should be filled by a competent man, and I think it desirable that he should be an expert machinist, who could make his services immediately available. I will take the liberty of making inquiry for such an individual, and will make report to you of my success."

In this opinion to which I am thus committed, I am quite sincere; and you see that it is such as must prevent my taking any part in ~~the~~ the recommendation which you have proposed.

Very respectfully & faithfully yours,

R. M. P.

To

Dr. John H. Gibbon,

Dr Jno H. Gibbon,

Washington.

July 16/45.

Charlotte

Mint, U.S.
July 16 / 45.

Sir,

Under authority given to me by the Secretary of the Treasury, I have to request that you consider yourself as now employed in active service for the Charlotte Branch Mint, and that you repair thither, with as little delay as possible, and report yourself to the Superintendent, as ready to aid him in whatever concerns the arrangements and operations of your department. I have written, on the subject, to Mr. Caldwell, and have authorized him to consider your ~~Salary~~ services and salary as beginning from the 1st inst. Further than this, neither the proviso of the appropriation act, nor the authority of the Secretary, would justify me in going.

R. M. P.

Dr. John H. Gibbes,
Assayer of Bullion
Charlotte, N.C.

To/

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,
Assayer St. Charlotte Br.

Washington.

July 16/45.

Mint of the United States.
July 16th, 1845.

Sir,

I heard, with deep regret, by your letter of the 14th inst., of the death of Mr. John R. Bolton, the Coiner of your Mint. Mr. Bolton was, for many years, connected with this mint, and by his constant attention and amiable deportment, secured the confidence and attachment of the officers, to such a degree, that, on the recommendation of the elder Mr. Eckfeldt, he was appointed to the place which he so long held at Charlotte. It is a sad circumstance connected with his death, that he should have left his family helpless and unprovided for.

I have received, from the Secretary of the Treasury, a letter, of which I send a copy subjoined. I must state, with regard to it, that the opinion which he refers to as entrusted by me, was that given in my letter of January last.

Under the authority given to me, by the Secretary, I think it expedient that Dr. Gibbon should be considered as now in the service of the Charlotte Mint, and that his salary should recommence from the 1st inst., — the beginning of the present quarter. I shall write to him to-day to go without delay to Charlotte, and to yield to you all aid in his power in the construction of that part of the building and apparatus connected with his department. He is not, however, to have any independent control over them, but is in all matters to ask and receive your consent, before acting.

I have given it, as my opinion, to the Secretary of the Treasury, that the

office of Coiner rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Bolton, ought to be filled, if possible, by a good mechanician, whose services might be made immediately available in preparing for the machinery, and afterwards in setting it up; and who, when you get into operation, might at last superintend and direct the mechanical affairs.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To
C. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Superintendent of Branch Mint
Charlotte, N. C.

To/

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Supt. Br. Mint

Charlotte, N.C.

July 16/45

Mint of the United States.
July 17, 1845.

Sir,

In a letter to me of the 19th of March last, you say: "I suppose that I will be retained as Superintendent of the Building, and if so, I shall make application, at the proper time, to retain the services of the Clerk, should you think it would be available."

In the letter ~~on which the instructions~~ of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicated to you yesterday, ~~is founded,~~ I authority to employ the Clerk is not given. If, however, you think his services important, ~~I will cheerfully join~~ and ~~commence~~ let me know that you do so, I will apply to the ~~Secr~~ Department for liberty to secure for you his immediate employment.

R.M.P.
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To G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Bro. Mint, Charlotte.

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G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Sup. Br. Mint

Charlotte, N.C.

July 17/45

(Confidential.)

Mint U. S.
July 17/45

Dear Sir,

In a letter which I wrote to you, yesterday, I mention the views which I had communicated to the Secretary of the Treasury as to the qualifications which I thought ought to be required in the person elected to fill the place of Mr. Bolton.

I have to day had an interview with Dr. Gibbon, who is very urgent for the appointment of his son Robert, and who had before written to me, on the subject, from Washington. I have told him, frankly, of the opinion which I had given to the Secretary, and that I still retained it. I have, however, no machinist in view for the office, and may not be able to find one, at the same time competent to the task, and willing to go to Charlotte. In this event, it may be necessary to select another individual; and I ask you to give me your views, freely, and in full confidence, as to the propriety of selecting Mr Robert Gibbon. There are many circumstances that may bear upon the question. Present competency is hardly to be looked for, unless a selection were made from this Mint. I spoke on the subject to our foreman, Mr. George Eckfeldt, and was not surprised to find that he declined the situation. The close relationship of the proposed candidate to one of the present officers is an objection which is not without weight; but it was not considered fatal in the appointment, some years ago, of the son of our Chief Coiner as assayer. It must be remarked, however, that the Assayer has no judgement to pass on the work of the Coiner. But in your Mint, the Coiner is also the Melter & Refiner, and one of the most important and re-

sponsible functions of the Assayer is the passing of judgment upon the ingots. — Another important point, which we cannot overlook, is public opinion. What would be thought, in your country, of the appointment of Dr. Gibbon's son, — a youth untried and almost unknown, — to one of the most important offices in your Mint?

I invite your candid views on this matter. It interests you deeply; for an unhappy choice of Coiner at your Mint, would, in your present circumstances, be a most deplorable event.

Very respectfully &
Faithfully yours
R M P

Wm Green W Caldwell, Esq.

Dr
G. W. Caldwell, Esq
Charlotte
N.C.
July 17/45.

Mint Mich
July 28, 1845.

Sir, I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant, in my favor, for One thousand dollars, ($1000.) out of the appropriation for Machinery for the Charlotte Branch Mint.

R. M. Patterson,
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To
Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury.

To Sec. of Treasury.
July 28/45.

July 29, 1845.

A protracted visit from Mr. Robert Shaw, a son-in-law of the late Mr. Bolton; and who went with the family to N. Carolina when they first went to the West there. He was connected with the institution, in the first instance, but afterwards pursued his trade as a harness maker. He is now a trunk-maker in Philadelphia.

He brought me a letter from Mr. Bolton, intimating that means should be sought for bringing him and his family to Philad.a He suggested the payment of the suspended salary, but this was declined by me to be illegal.

I finally told him that the only assistance must be to a subscription.

Firm/
Mr. Robert Shaw.
July 29/45.

Private

United States Branch Mint
Charlotte NC 29 July 1845

Dear Sir

Upon application to the Hon. Emma Caldwell Superintendent of the Mint, to aid me in recommending my Son, Robert Gibbon, for the appointment of Coiner at this Branch — in the place of John K. Bolton deceased — I was informed that Doctor Pinckney Caldwell was a candidate for the situation.

My personal relations with Doctor Caldwell are so intimate that I yield, in his favor, the preferences I entertain for my Son.

Dr Caldwell is a gentleman of education & talent — with capacity, in my opinion, to render himself competent to all the duties of the Station he wishes to fill — Of an age & character well calculated for its responsibilities — acceptable to the people of the district — and whose condition of health renders such a position more desirable than the arduous practice of Medicine in which he has been engaged for many years — & in which most favorably known.

I am very respectfully
Yr. obt Servt

J. H. Gibbon

Dr. R. M. Patterson

(From)
Dr. Mo. H. Gibbon
Assayer Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
July 29/45.
Rec'd. Aug. 4.

August 1845

(From)
Dr. Mo. H. Gibbon
Assayer Br. Mint
Charlotte, N.C. July 29
Aug. 4/45.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 30 July 1845.

Sir

Your letters of the 16th & 17th Inst, have been recd.

In reply to that of the 17th as to the qualifications of a Coiner, I had entertained the same views as expressed by you that he ought to be a Machinist and had therefore left the recommendation of a Successor to Mr. Bollow entirely with you. Inasmuch however as you have been unable to get a Machinist, and asking opinion as to the propriety of appointing Dr. Gibbon Son Robert to the Office, I candidly reply that all the exceptions and reasons assigned by you would apply with much force in this section of the Country, to his appointment. The difficulty however I am glad will not have to be encountered as Dr. Gibbon has withdrawn all pretensions for his Sons appointment, and recommended my eldest Brother Dr. P. C. Caldwell of this place for the Office - to whose recommendation I cheerfully add my own, and whose appointment will be very acceptable to this Community - He is a Gentleman of education, a practising Physician and consequently well qualified for discharging the duties of Melter & Refiner, and I have no doubt that by a little instruction would in a short time become qualified to superintend and discharge the duties of the Office of Coiner.

In thus recommending my Brother, I beg to assure you that I do not urge his appointment - that I fully appreciate the delicacy of my situation and would not have done so, had I not been urged very importunately by his friends and laying aside the objections that obtain to the appointment of Mr. R. Gibbon it affords me pleasure to state that he is a Young Gentleman of good moral standing and character, but not much known as yet to the Community.

I am glad to be able to inform you, that we have now commenced rebuilding the Mint - the Contractors have got the Bricks burned and the stone cut ready for putting up.

Dr. Gibbon has returned, and reported him

as ready to lend any assistance that may be necessary in his Department.

In one of your letters of the 17th you state that no authority has been given by the Secretary of the Treasury to employ the services of this Clerk, but that if I think it important and inform you so, you will apply to the Department for liberty to secure his immediate employment — I have no hesitation in saying that his services are important — that in fact he has rendered services ever since the passage of the Act without any compensation, and that I deem his services of more importance than those of either the Assayer or Coiner, being the reason of my former application to you.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

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Rec'd Aug. 4/45.

From
G. W. Caldwell,
Sup. Brilliant
Charlotte, N.C.
July 30

From
G. W. Caldwell.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
July 30/45.
Rec'd Aug. 4.

Mint U.S.
Aug. 5 / 45.

Sir,

On a letter of the 11th ult. which I had the honor to receive from you, you say: make to me the following communication:

"As you state that in your judgment it is expedient that the Assayer and Coiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte be continued in service for the purpose of superintending the construction of the furnaces and Machinery belonging to their respective departments, you are authorized to employ both those Officers, and you will be pleased to give them the necessary instructions."

Under the authority thus given, I immediately wrote to the Superintendent to take the Assayer Dr. Gibbon, into active service; and I have received from him, to-day, notice that "Dr. Gibbon has returned to Charlotte, and has reported himself as ready to lend any assistance that may be necessary in his department."

The Coiner, Mr. Bolton, died ~~and~~ ~~informed you~~ on the 4th of July; so that but one of the officers with regard

to whom your authority may be given, could ~~secure~~ receive the advantage of it, or render the services which it required.

In a letter of the 29th of March ult. Mr. Caldwell says: "If I be retained as superintendent of the building, I shall make application, at the proper time, to retain the services of the Clerk, should you think it would be available." In a letter of the 31st ult., Mr. Caldwell asks me to ~~make this~~ apply for authority to this effect, and says: "I have no hesitation in saying that his [Mr. Strong's] services are important; that in fact he has rendered services ever since the passage of the act, without any compensation, and that I deem his services of more importance than those of either the Assayer or Coiner," ~~being the reason of~~

Under these circumstances, I respectfully ask your authority for the employment of the Clerk of the Charlotte Branch Mint. He has been connected with that establishment from its commencement, and has ~~filled the~~ performed the duties of his office most ably and faithfully. His ~~duties~~ business, if now

employed, would be the keeping of the accounts, and in general the ~~co~~ performance of all those ~~offices~~ functions which belong to the officer called, ~~among~~ by Architects, the "Clerk of the works."

R. M. P.
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To/
Honble R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Trans

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Sec. of Treasury

Aug. 5/45.

August 1845

Treasury Department
August 8. 1845.

Sir

Your communication dated the 5th instant was duly received and in compliance with the suggestion contained in it you are hereby authorized to retain the services of the Clerk of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.

I remain very Resply
R J Walker
Sec. of the Treasury

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From/

Secretary of the Treasury

Rec'd Aug. 9 '45. Aug. 8th

Mint U.S.
Aug. 12/45

Sir,

On the receipt of your letter of the 30th ult., I wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury in the subject of the employment of Mr. Strange in active duty in his capacity of Clerk of the Branch Mint at Charlotte.

I have received from the Secretary, under date of the 8th inst., the following reply, on the authority of which you will please to take immediate action with regard to Mr. Strange, of whose capacity and fidelity I entertain a high estimate.

"Your communication dated the 5th instant was duly received, and in compliance with the suggestion contained in it, you are hereby authorized to retain the services of the Clerk of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, N.C."

R. M. Patterson,
Dir.

To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Asst. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Yr/

Geo. W. Caldwell
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte
N. C

Aug. 12/
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Mint U.S.
Aug 12 /45.

Dear Sir,

The applicant for the vacant place of Coiner at your Mint, mentioned in late letters from yourself and Dr. Gibbon, has, I am sure, many qualifications much to be desired in this office. But I still hold the opinion, which I took the earliest occasion to convey to the Secretary of the Treasury, that the Coiner to be chosen should ~~if possible~~ be a mechanician, if such a one could be found combining the other essential requisites. I have not now any such individual in view, but as the case is not pressing, I shall not commit myself in favor of any other. No person has yet received an appointment as Coiner, at any of the Mints, who was not a mechanic. He that had the fullest claims, on this ground, was the late Coiner of your Mint, and you know that his deficiency in this particular was an evil often felt.

Very truly yours,
R. M. P.

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

To/
G. W. Caldwell
Aug. 12, Charlotte,
145 N. C.

Mint U.S.
Aug. 28 / 45

Sir,

Our Foreman, Mr. George Eckfeldt, who will probably put up the machinery at your Mint, is desirous of knowing the condition of your well and pump. He says that one of the presses had fallen into the well, ~~and~~ Has it been taken out; has the well been cleared out; is the pump in operation?

Your press is finished, and all the other machinery in progress. How are you advancing with your part of the work?

R. M. P.

To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
G. W. Caldwell
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte,
N. C.
Aug. 20/
45.

Mint U.S. Aug. 22/45.

Dear Madam,

In answer to your note of this morning, I am sorry to have to say that I cannot see any grounds on which, under the existing laws, a claim could be made on the Charlotte Branch Mint, that could benefit your Mother.

The Officers of this Mint have made a subscription for her relief which will be placed to day in the hands of Mr. Rickards. I have to regret that it is for so small an amount.

Very respt.
& faithfully yr.
R. M. P.

To Mrs. Margaret Shaw.

To/

Mrs. Margaret Shaw
Philadelphia

Aug. 22/45.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 22d August 1845.

Sir

Your letter of the 12th Inst, informing me, in reply to to mine of the 30th Ulto, recommending Dr. Caldwell for the Office of Coiner of this Branch Mint, that you state "held the opinion, that the Coiner to be chosen should be a Mechanician, of such a one could be found combining the other essential requisites" — allow me to say; as I did in mine of the 30th Ulto that I then & now, do cordially agree in your opinion, and that my reason for recommending my Brother was, that I thought him better qualified to discharge the duties of the Office and that his appointment would give greater satisfaction to the Community than that of Mr. Robert Gibbon — I therefore hope that you may be able to find a Mechanician in your City who would be qualified to discharge the duties of Coiner which will relieve me of a great deal of annoyance from applicants in this Country who are totally unfit, and put down any ill feeling which might arise from the appointment being made from here, and it would also relieve us from any embarrassment in the commencement of operations.

We are getting on very well, in fact I may say rapidly, with the rebuilding of the Mint, the bricks are very fine, and the only drawback upon us, is this unprecedented continuance of dry weather, which prevents the Contractor from having his lumber sawed as fast as he could wish, but he is getting along with it never the less.

I have placed Mr. Strange on active duty according to your instructions of the 12th Inst, for which he begs me to return to you his gratified acknowledgements.

Having long deferred my intended visit to your city and having now, some private business which calls me to the interior of New York; if it meet with your approbation, I should like to spend the Months of September

in that section of the Country, and I am the more readily inclined to do so, as both Dr. Gibbon & Mr. Strange will be here and superintend the erection of the Building and see that no detriment happens to the U. States during my absence; but should you think otherwise, I shall cheerfully forego my inclination —

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint U.S.
Aug. 27/45.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 22d, and am gratified to learn that you are making such good progress in the rebuilding of your Mint.

I have not yet found a ~~[illegible]~~ Mechanician whom I can recommend to the place of Coiner at Charlotte.

Your purpose of making a visit to Philadelphia has my approbation of course, as you know that I always thought such a visit desirable. I take it for granted that you will make such arrangements as will prevent your absence from interfering with the progress of the work committed to you.

R. M. P.
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To G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

To/
E. W. Caldwell
Superint. &c.
Charlotte, N.C
Aug. 27/45.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 30 August 1845.

Sir

Your letter of the 20th Inst inquiring into the condition of our pump and well has been received.

The Well has been cleaned out, and is in such condition as can be used but will require some repairs before commencing operations - the wall towards the bottom has been somewhat injured, but can very readily be repaired - the valve or suction part of the pump is somewhat out of order, which can no doubt be put into proper trim in this place - the Well and pump are both in operation and are daily used by the masons for supplying them with water.

I am happy to be able still to advise you of the steady progress of the work in rebuilding the Mint; On the western wing of the Building they have nearly completed laying the cut stone, and will commence upon the arches early next week. We have had a fine rain with a prospect of a continuance which will enable the saw Mills to get to work, their inability to supply lumber in the requisite quantities being at present the only drawback we have to dread -

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Aug. 30/45.
Rec'd Sep. 5.

September 1845

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte No. Ca. 11th Sept. 1845.

Sir

Below you will find a copy of a report from Dr. Gibbon to me, relative to some alterations he wishes made so far as regards his apartments, which I refer to your decision.

"In looking over the draughts and specifications of the New "Mint - with the Contractor + Mason, some modifications have been suggested in my "apartments. By the plan of the Building there is a vault for the Melter adjoining the Assayers "Office - this can scarcely be necessary, as there are two large vaults in the basement "story attached to the Melting + Refining apartments, besides a vault in the second story "quite sufficient for the Coiner + Melter. If the door of what is called the Melter's vault opened "into the Assayers Office as a place of security for papers, as the upper story is not to be fire "proof, there could be a passage and door way, where the Assayers vault is now placed: "opening opposite to a door way in the rear of the building through which a supply of fresh "air might sometimes be obtained, for the Assayers Office is completely shut out from any "the winds which prevail in Summer - a matter of some importance in this climate.

"The position of the doors in the Assayers Office will I fear cause the "chimney to smoke and I wish to have them differently placed. The Mason urges that the "flues of the chimnies should be gradually enlarged from 9 inches to be 12 inches at "top to aid their draught. There appears to be some difficulty with the Mason in deciding "upon the outlet of the flues from the Assayers apartments as no chimneys appear upon the "draught of the elevation of the building - I think chimneys were intended to be elevated from "each of the Assayer's rooms, and they will require some height both for the safety of the roof "and for their draught. The provision to lathe and plaster the ceilings in the Assayers "apartments is in my opinion objectionable on account of the danger of plaster falling upon "bottles of acid, or upon the assay balances - We shall probably be obliged to use the rooms "before the plaster is perfectly dry, and the action of the Machinery or any trifling leak from "the shingles may detach the plaster, as we experienced in the old Building - I prefer as

"a wooden ceiling overhead if it can be permitted.

"There will be required by the Masons and Carpenters, drawings
"for the elevation of the acid bottles, stands for the furnaces, and direction of the flues in the
"Assay room, also a slab of soap stone of the proper proportions for the front of the Assayers
"sand bath, the old one being destroyed in tearing down the building – fire bricks, tyles &
"fire clay will be required also 2 kegs of white lead to paint the tables, closets for acids, and
"wooden fixtures in the Assay room, and a painted floor cloth for the Assayers weigh room.

"I call your attention to the supply of the different articles
"enumerated soon after the burning of the Mint, as wanting for the Assayers departments."

Upon an examination of the plan of the Building, I find no place allotted for an adjusting room, and no room to place it in unless it be in the room at present marked off as an Office for the Coiner, or in the store room in the basement immediately under the Treasurers Office, which latter room it is thought will be too damp and too near the Refinery. Should the Coiners Office as at present arranged be appropriated for the purpose, it follows that the Coiner will be deprived of an Office, unless he can obtain the one formerly occupied by Mr. Bolton and now allotted to Dr. Gibbons – in that case the alteration suggested by Dr Gibbon about opening a door from that room into the back passage will be unnecessary, as he himself will require the vault, intended to be dispensed with, for his own use in the assay room. An early suggestion from you relative to the arrangement of the adjusting rooms, and the propriety of the alterations mentioned by Dr. Gibbon would be desirable as they are getting on very rapidly in raising the walls.

I have paid a considerable amount for the removal and cleaning up of the Engine & Machinery. Should the amount be charged to the fund appropriated for the Machinery or to the Contingent Fund?

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

P. S. I find I will not be able to visit your City this Month, but will upon the first opportunity.

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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From,
G. W. Caldwell
Sept. 4
Charlotte Sept. 11
Recd / Sept. 17 / 45.

United States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 25 Sept 1845

Dear Sir,

Doctor Pinkney C. Caldwell informs me that he no longer wishes to be an applicant for the situation of Coiner at this Mint — and requests me to nominate my Son Robert Gibbon in his nomination.

When the Superintendant of the Mint declined to recommend his brother, Dr Caldwell — he enquired his decision to recommend no one — for the station of Coiner — but he assured me he had no objection to my son.

As the season approaches when the selection of a new Coiner will be necessary — and as no appointment has yet been made — I again renew my application to you in favor of my Son Robert Gibbon as Coiner of this Branch Mint and I trust to your Kindness to aid me in this matter.

I am persuaded that he possess qualifications which will enable him to fulfil all the duties of this position with credit to himself and to this institution or I should be very sorry to have him receive the appointment.

My position and family make it very desirable for me to have my son associated with me in the Mint.

The checks which prevail are sufficient to prevent any exception to the appointment of father & son in these offices — especially after the precedent which existed so many years in the Philadelphia Mint in the case of the Messrs Eckfeldt.

Robert is acclimated here — and prepared to offer sufficient securities — for the faithful performance of the duties of the office if he should obtain it —

We are perfectly willing to decline the appointment unless you are satisfied of his ability and qualifications in every respect — but we hope you will not object to an arrangement of so much importance to us.

I am very respectfully
& sincerely your friend
& obt Svt

J H Gibbon

Dr Robert M Patterson
Director of the Mint

Geo.

Jno. A. Gibbon

Charlotte, N.C.

Rec'd Sept. 25

Oct. 1/45.)

October 1845

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Dr. R. M. Pettigrew

U.S. Navy

Philadelphia

Washington City
1 Oct '45

My dear Sir

The bearer of this Mr Richard Trelase has been known to me for some years while I resided at Charlotte. He has been engaged in working the mines, and is acquainted with machinery, such as erecting steam Engines &c. He hopes that you may have occasion for his services which you may confound on his fidelity and skill

Respectfully

J. M. H. Wheeler

Dr R M Patterson
Phila

From,
Jno. H. Wheeler, Esq.
Washington, D.C.
Oct. 1
Rec'd. Oct. 3/45.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 4th October 1845

Sir

Your letter of the 26th ult.o has just been received requesting me to forward "with the least possible delay an estimate of the appropriations which will be required for this Mint for the fiscal year, commencing 1st July 1846."

Pursuant to the above I have the honor of submitting the following estimate of appropriations necessary for this Branch of the Mint commencing 1st July 1846.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk	$6.000.
" Pay of Labourers in the various in the various Departts	3.500.
" Wastage of Gold & for Contingent Expenses	1.500.
	$11.000.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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From
G. W. Caldwell,
Asst. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Oct. 4/45.
Rec'd 11 Oct.

Washington City
(Confidential & Private) 18th Oct '45.

My dear Sir

I wrote to you a line a few weeks since of introduction to a miner who wished employed (Trelass) and I feel it a duty to write to you now in confidence, inasmuch as I cannot but feel a deep interest in the success of the Charlotte Branch Mint.

I was consulted by a distinguished friend as to the propriety of the appointment of Robert Gibbon to the office of Coiner, that his father Dr Gibbon was making constant & earnest application - and might possibly be successful. Now I replied that the person named was not of age - not qualified by education or experience that the Assayer & Coiner should be checks on each other, and stated that you should be conferred with & if it met your approbation I had nothing to say. I do not believe that it does, as it cannot meet that of Mr. Caldwell & the community at Charlotte. Perhaps a recommendation from you of a suitable person would be the best way to end this matter.

Yours truly
J. No. H. Wheeler

Dr R. M. Patterson

From

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Washington
Oct. 18/45.

Rec'd. 20th.

Mint of the United States.
Oct. 20 th, 1845.

Sir,

By ~~the~~ writing the ~~accompanying~~ enclosed letter on business of ~~respecting~~ the Charlotte Branch Mint, I am reminded of the propriety of informing you that I have not yet been able to meet with a suitable candidate for the vacant office of Coiner. There The case, however, is not pressing, and it is better to submit to a longer delay, than to make an unsuitable ~~appointment~~ selection.

I understand that the Assayer, Dr. Gibbon, is urging the ~~nomination~~ appointment of his son. I do not ~~deny~~ question the merits of this young gentleman; but I cannot overlook the facts that he is not a mechanician, and that he ~~there~~ is the son of the officer who would have to pass judgment on the fidelity of his official operations. Dr. Gibbon, in reply to this latter serious objection, presents the example of this Mint, in which, for several years, the Coiner and Assayer were father and son. But the cases are by no means parallel. The Assayer has no judgment to pass upon the ~~Coiner as~~ Coinage proper. It is the work of the Melter & Refiner which he is constantly called upon to test; and the Coiner of the Charlotte Mint has committed to him the functions of Melter & Refiner.

To Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secret Treas.

R. M. P.

To
Sec. of Treasury.
Oct. 20/15.

Mint of the United States.
October 20th, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant, in my favor, for Two thousand dollars, out of the appropriation for Machinery for the Charlotte Branch Mint. ($2000.)

R. M. S

The most satisfactory progress has been made in the ~~work~~ for new machinery required, and at a cost less than ~~was~~ has been provided for in the appropriations.

R. M. P.

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To
Sec. of Treasury.
Oct. 20 / 45.

(Private & Confidential.)

U. S. Mint.
Oct. 20/45.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 18th inst.

I gave Mr. Trelase a letter to Mr. Caldwell, and I presume that ~~it~~ he may ~~be~~ find it proper to engage his services. ~~at the Charlotte Mint.~~

My views respecting the qualifications required for the office of Coiner & Melter & Refiner for the Charlotte Mint have been fully ~~commun~~ made known to the Secretary of the Treasury, and to the Superintendent. ~~of the~~ ~~I find~~ It is very difficult however to find a suitable ~~cand~~ individual, willing to accept the ~~fol~~ office.

Very faithfully yours,
R. M. P.

To/
Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Washington City.

Col. Jno. H. Wheeler,
Washington, D.C.
Oct. 20/45.

Mint U. S. Nov. 11, 1845

Sir,

Mr George Eckfeldt has requested me to inquire of you whether the Blacksmith whom he found at Charlotte is still there, and can be employed in putting up the machinery. He desires also to know whether a competent Mill-wright can be found at Charlotte, and employed for the Mint work.

Yours

Rmp.

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Sup. Br Mt. Charlotte.

To/

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Sup. Br. Mt.

Charlotte, N.C.

Nov. 11/45.

November 1845

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 21st Novem.r 1845

Sir

In reply to Mr. E.M. Feldts enquiry, I have to inform you that the Blacksmith of the Mint is still here - he has been employed by the Contractor of the Building in doing the blacksmithing work necessary for it, and that he can be had to assist Mr. E.M. Feldt at any time he may require him. There are one or two very good Mill Wrights who can also be obtained

I am happy to inform you that the walls of the Building are now nearly up, and that there is no doubt it will be covered in by the 1st January, so that you may commence forwarding the Machinery in order that it may reach here at that time, and that as little delay may be encountered in its erection as possible. I should like, if it be possible to commence operations by the beginning of March, but am strongly under the impression at present, that I shall be able to do so by the 1st April.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Sert
G.W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R.M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell
Sup Br Mt.
Rec'd Charlotte 21st
Nov. 26/45.

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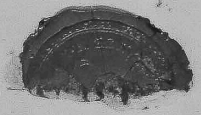
Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia



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Mint U. S. Dec. 13th 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant, in my favor, for One thousand dollars, out of the appropriation for Machinery for the Branch Mint at Charlotte North Carolina

R. M. P.

To
Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of the Treas.

To/

Sec. of Treasury

Dec. 13/45.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca. 19th Decem.r 1845.

Sir

In my letter of the 21st Ulto, I informed you that I had no doubt that the Mint would be covered by the 1st January, and that that you might commence forwarding the Machinery so that it might reach here by that time. At that time there was about a fortnights work of brick work to finish before the Carpenters could commence upon the Roof, when there would have been no doubt of their ability to have covered the Building in the time specified, since then however, the cold has been so severe as completely to stop the Masons from working, consequently the Mint remains in about the same state as when I wrote to you.

It is unusual for us to have so continuous a season of cold as we have at present, and I am anxiously expecting it moderate to such a degree as to enable the Masons to proceed with their work. The delay occasioned by the cold weather to the Building need not prevent your forwarding the Machinery, but it would probably be as well that Mr. Eckfeldt should remain until the Building is covered, of which I shall give you notice at the earliest moment.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From /

G. W. Caldwell
Supt. &c.

Recd / ~~Da~~ Charlotte N.C.
Dec. 25 / 19
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December 1845

Mint of the United States.
Dec. 26th, 1845.

Sir,

Mr. Eckfeldt and two of the machinists who have been at work for you, Mint were ready to ~~st~~ set out for Charlotte on Monday next. Your letter of the 19th has stopped them. They will now wait for information from you when you will be ready to receive them.

Mr. Peale asks that the floor of the rolling-room be laid, as soon as the roof is on, with the exception of the space between the longitudinal girders.

RMP

To J. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mt.
Charlotte.

To

G. W. Caldwell,
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.
Dec. 26/45.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - 1846

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Jan. 23d, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., asking, on the part of the Committee on Finance, for my views with regard to the proposed establishment of Branch Mints at New York and Charleston.

As to the Branch at New York, I received from the Chairman of the Committee of Ways & Means of the House of Representatives, a series of inquiries, which, I believe, ~~seem to~~ comprise call for all the information which it is in my power to give, to enable ~~you~~ them with whom the question rests, to form a judgment as to the expediency of ~~the~~ establishing a Mint at that place. I take the liberty, therefore, of sending a copy of my reply to these inquiries, as I do not know how I could better convey to you the information which you require as to this Branch.

The question of a Mint at Charleston was brought before Congress at its last session, and under more favorable circumstances ~~which made it~~ than

now exist; for it was proposed as a substitute for the Branch at Charlotte, of which the building and machinery had been destroyed by fire. My ~~views were~~ opinion was then asked by the ~~Committee~~ Chairman of the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and I send to you a copy of my reply, ~~as~~ my views are not changed. I think a third mint for the gold region of the ~~United~~ Southern States unnecessary. Those already established are abundantly competent to all the coinage that can be required for that region.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Dixon H. Lewis,
Chairman of the Committee on Finance,
U. S. Senate.

To/

Hon. Dixon H. Lewis

Chm. Com. on Finance

U. S. Senate

Jan. 23/46 Washington

Mint U. S. Feb. 17, '46

Sir,

We are very anxious to hear from you as to the condition of things at your Mint.

The machinery was shipped from here on the 19th of December, and we learned from the newspapers that the vessel arrived at Charleston in due time. Has the machinery or any part of it reached you?

In my letter to you of the 26th of December, I mention that the Machinists who were to go to Charlotte were kept back until information should be obtained from you as to your readiness to receive them. They are still waiting for this information. What has been done to the building since you wrote? Are the walls completed, and is the roof on?

Very respy

Y. p. S.

R. M. P.

Dr

To,
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. U. S. Branch Mint,
Charlotte

To,

T. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Sup't. B. M.

Charlotte, N.C.

Feb. 17/46.

February 1846

The Bank of Camden South Carolina
18 Feby 1846

R. M. Patterson Esqr
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir

On 16th Inst I forwarded to Robinson & Caldwell, Chas.n, a parcel of Gold Bullion, with instructions to ship the same to You as early as possible, with a request that You would forward the proceeds to M. Morrison, Cashr of The Manhattan Company New York Cits for account of this Bank, as You have heretofore done in similar Cases. I requested R. & C. to forward You Bill of Lading when shipped. I am compelled to trouble You again, by advice that the Charlotte Branch will not commence operations for some months.

The Bullion is put up as heretofore, in parcels numbered, and each parcel desired to be assayed separately. For fear that the numbers may be obliterated in the transportation, I give You the weight, in Pennyweights, of each parcel.

		Dwts			Dwts
Number	1	2060	Number	8	979
	2	1661		9	141
	3	3617		10	258
	4	464		11	144
	5	405		12	485
	6	127		13	199
	7	1055			2206
		[illegible]			[illegible]
				Dwts	[illegible]

These weights are not, I suppose, precisely correct, but sufficiently accurate to guide You in case of the defacement of the numbers. If not defaced, the numbers themselves will guide the assay.

I will thank You to forward me the memorandum of assay, as soon as it is completed; and advise Mr Morrison of the proceeds.

I trust that the early resumption of business by the Charlotte Branch, will relieve me from the necessity of taxing You with similar trouble hereafter; though it may still be most convenient for me occasionally to forward to Your city.

I am very Respt

Your obt servt

W. J. Grant

Cashr.

From,

Wm. I. Grant, Cast.

Bk of Camden, S.C.

Feb. 18/46

Recd. 24

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Print Charge

Rec'd Patterson Esqr

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

U. States Branch Mint

Charlotte N.C. 25th July 1846

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst I have to state that I have received information of the arrival of the Machinery for this Mint at Columbia, that I have received one waggon load of it, and have instructed my Agent to forward the balance with as little delay as possible.

The Walls of the building are completed and the frame of the roof is on, ready to receive the shingles. The rear building will be covered and the floor laid by the time that the Machinists can reach here, so it would be well that they should leave for this place as soon as they conveniently can.

The unusually severe and protracted cold weather has prevented the Contractor from working to any advantage and has been the cause of the delay in having the building covered to this late day.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

G. W. Caldwell

Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE
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N.C.

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Dr R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Rec'd. 28th Feb. 23/46

Now

G. W. Caldwell, Supt. Sp.

Charlotte N.C.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, March 9th, 1846.

Sir,

Mr. George Eckfeldt will set out for Charlotte tomorrow, accompanied by John Perrie and Arthur Orr, to attend to the erection of the Machinery at your Mint.

~~They are paid have been working~~

Mr. Eckfeldt is the foreman of our Machine shop here, and has continued to receive pay from us; but I have allowed him half-a-dollar per day, extra, ~~extra~~ out of ~~your~~ the funds of your Mint, for the superintendence of your ~~out~~ work. He is paid up to this day inclusive; and from tomorrow he comes under pay by you, and is to receive $3.50 per ~~day~~ working day, and the cost of his board.

~~Each of the~~ Mr. Perrie and Mr. Orr are also paid up to this day inclusive. They are, from tomorrow, to receive from you $2.75 per working-day, and ~~they are to pay~~ an allowance of $10 per month for ~~their~~ their ~~own~~ board.

The travelling expenses are to be paid to all the men. I have advanced, for the journey

to Charlotte $511 to Mr. Eckfeldt, and $45 each to Mess. Pierce and Orr.

Out of the appropriation of $10,000 for your machinery &c., I have drawn $5000; of which I have paid away $4907.09. ~~Then~~ I have a bill of about $90 unpaid, and shall have about one months wages more to pay to two hands, for the completion of your work. I need therefore draw but little more from Washington. Whenever and whatever I do draw I will let you know. ~~in order that we may not both be~~ You will of course now make such requisitions as may be necessary upon the ~~of~~ balance of the appropriation. I feel quite confident that it will far exceed what may be required.

R. M. P.

To
G. W. Caldwell,
Superintendent Mr.
Charlotte, N.C.

To,

G. W. Caldwell,

Superintendent, &c.

Mar. 9'46 Charlotte, N. C.

March 1846

Mint U.S. Mar. 16/47

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday, in which you inform me that you can furnish the Charlotte Mint with Black Lead Pots Nos: 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 & 25 at 3 pr number. I will thank you to select ~~6 of ea~~ half a dozen of each of these numbers, and forward to "Branch Mint Charlotte N.C." — to the care of Chambers & White, Charleston, sending to the latter a bill of lading, and also one to myself. You mention that Grosheim & Clapham have "no Nos: between 14 & 20", which implies that they can furnish 13 & 14. ~~Be good~~ If this is correct you will be kind enough to ~~include~~ purchase these numbers and include the expense in your bill.

Very truly yours

Rm P.

Jr

To/

Dr Jos: W. Farnum
American Hotel
New York

To,

Dr. Jos: W. Parnum

Amn. Hotel

New York

16 Mar '47

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 20th March 1846.

Sir

Messrs Eckfeldt, Orr, and Birie arrived at this place on Monday Evg last, for whom I have provided very comfortable accommodations.

I am sorry to inform you that the Contractor has not been as good as his word in having the Building finished according to contract by the 1st of April. The rear-building however is in such a state of forwardness as to allow Mr Eckfeldt to proceed with very little delay in putting up the Machinery.

Inasmuch as the Contractor will have forfeited his contract, I shall after the 1st of April take such steps as I think will ensure a speedy completion of the Building — In justice however to the Contractor I must say that his work is faithfully executed, the only complaint that can be alledged against him is his dilatoriness, which has taken his friends as well as myself very much by surprize, even after making all allowances for the severity of the Winter.

I think it my duty to call your attention to one of the former workmen in the Mint, (Mr Peress) as to the propriety of his being restored to his former position when we commence operations. He is now, and has been for several Months, the Owner of several Refectories, (or as all

call them gorg shops) in the country, and the Keeper of one in Town, and who expects to retain them as well as his situation in the Mint, for, from a conversation with me, he stated he would rather give up his situation than sell out his shops.
My decided opinion is, that he ought not to be in the Mint, while connected with those establishments — Should you coincide in opinion with me, I will thank you to look out for some suitable person to fill his place as Assistant to the Assayer. In selecting such a person, would it not be well, that he be also somewhat of a mechanic, as unfortunately mechanical ability is rather scarce among our men.

In full confidence, that our Building will be at least in such a state of forwardness, if not even completed, as to enable us to commence operations by the time the Machinery is set up and ready for running I have to beg you will forward at the earliest opportunity the following list of Articles

For the Refinery

½ Dozen Stone ware pans for the Refining Jars (deep) we have some, but they are too shallow.
1 Dozen 3 Gallon glass bottles. ½ Dozen 2 Gallon Do. ½ Dozen glass funnels. (3 large 3 small)
3 China or glass bales for Philtre. 2 setts of fixtures for Refinery, consisting of copper wire, chains & pullies. 2 setts of glass bottles for separating. 2 glass Pitchers.
½ Dozen glass Stirrers. 1.500 fire bricks. 500 Do. circular. 12 fire tiles 20×13 Inches
12 Do. 24×13. 4 fire clay slabs 33×20 with holes to contain the separating pans.
1 Bbl fine clay. 150 feet garden hose.

For Rolling Room.

1 Roaster & funnel. 4 Sieves No. 2. 1 brass wire small sieve. 1 Copper pan for waxing strips. 1 Do. for cleaning Do. 4 pair adjusting scales & weights. 1 pair

of large adjusting scales for weighing 100 pieces. ½ Dozen brushes for adjusting Bench.

For Melting Room

1 Keg Salt-petre, 1 Dr. Borax. 1 Dr. pearl ash. 1 Sett of figures. —

W. Eckfeldt requests me to ask whether the Drawing Bench has been finished and shipped — if not at what time we may expect it.

Has any thing been done towards supplying articles for the Assay Department, a list of which was made out by Dr. Gibbons, and forwarded by me shortly after the burning of the Mint

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Your Ob. Sert

G. W. Caldwell

Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From

G. W. Caldwell

Superintendent

Charlotte

Rec^d. 26 Mar. 20/46

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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

CHARLOTTE MAR 20 N.C.

Mint of the United States.
March 21st, 1845.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant, in my favor, for Five hundred dollars, out of the appropriation for Machinery for the Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina.

R. M. P.

To Hon. Robert J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury

To,
Sec. of Treasury

Mar. 21/46

March, 1846,

Memorandum of Money required on ap
of Charlotte Branch.

Bills unpaid.	100.00
Wages of this month in finishing and packing. Draw Bench 2 hands	$98.80
Wages of 2 hands for three months in repairing Slide Rest, making taps, dies, & Drills worn out in the Service of the Branch Mint	296.40
	495.20
Money on hand. Say	90.
	405.00

Bank of the State of N.C.

Br at Charlotte 27 March 76

Dear Sir

Herewith pr W. Mays yr will receive 10 packages Gold Bullion which I will thank you to have assayed separately and purely in Nos 1 and 9 it would be a great accommodation to have them assayed to themselves as I have numbered them.

		Gross
No 1	H.B.& L.S. Williams	2.551.6
2	J. J. Maxwell	552.6
3	Peoples Maxwell	1.879.22
4	Amos Stevens	257.12
5	D. M. Walker	576.2
6	M. M. Davis Agent	883.18
7	J. P. Houston	784.2
8	W. A. Williams	2.708.5
9	W. W. Elms	10.654.

No. 10 Thos Trotter 4886.

Please send me the usual receipt & Memorandum of assay by Mail at your earliest Convenience.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Ob. St.
W. A. Leeds
Asst

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director
Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director, Mint U.S.
Philadelphia

Mr. O. E. Moss

From,
U. A. Lucas, Cash.
Charlotte, N.C.
Rec.d Ap. 3 Mar. 27/46

J. S. Chambers, Esq.
Charleston

Mint U. S. Mar. 28 '46

Sir,

In the absence of the Director from the City I have to inform you that a small parcel containing back-saws is this day forwarded to your care per Harnden's Express, intended for Charlotte Mint, which you will please send on as heretofore.

Yours

R. Patterson

Director's Clerk

P. S.

The expense of transportation we have not paid.

To,

A. S. Chambers, Esq.

Charleston, S.C.

Mar. 28/46

Mint U. S. Philad.ª, Mar. 31/46

Sir,

I am glad to learn, by your letter of the 20th, that Mess. Eckfeldt, Orr, and Peirie have arrived safely at Charlotte, and were ready to go to work in putting up the Machinery.

The delay of your Contractor is much to be regretted, and it is right that you should take, as you propose, such steps as will insure a speedy completion of the work.

I agree with you that it is disreputable in a workman of the Mint to be a proprietor, and much more a keeper, of Grog shops. I have lived in the South and know the nature of what they call confectionaries, and confectories. I should not hesitate to commend your proposed Course as to Mr. Torres, except that you do not men-

tion having conferred with Dr. Gibbons. I have no doubt that you have done so, and that his sense of propriety has led him to join you in your intended step. Under this conviction, I will make immediate inquiries after a suitable man to replace Mr. Torres.

Your request as to the supplies for the refinery and rolling room shall be attended to.

I am not sure that we have the requisition for the Assay Department to which you refer. The only orders I know of are the following.

Set of Assay Weights for Gold
Pair of fine forceps
Apparatus for distilling water
Rest of Copper for Assay Pound
Carboy of Pure nitric Acid

If the Assayer desires any other articles, I

beg to be informed of it.

Have you a supply of Crucibles, &c.

For steel and the like purchases, I have of your Contingent funds, only a balance remaining of $175.79. It may be necessary for you to request the Sec. of Treasury to issue his warrant in my favor, for a sum to be placed in my hands out of your appropriation for contingent expenses. I cannot now tell what amount will be required.

The draw bench will be ready for shipment in two or three days. The last trial of it was very satisfactory, but still showed that a trifling addition was necessary.

Very Resp.

To/ G. A. Caldwell, Esq.
Charleston, S.C.

The hack saws &c. requested by Mr. Eckfeldt have been sent via Charleston on 28th inst.

For /

G. W. Caldwell

Superintendent

Charlotte, N.C.

Mar. 31/46

Mint U.S.

April 7, 1846

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the desire expressed in your letter of the 27th ult. I send enclosed a receipt for the gold bullion sent by you through Mr. Moss and also a memorandum of the proceeds.

R. M. P.

To/

W. A. Lucas
Cash. Bk of State N.C.
Charlotte, N.C.

Make particular interest

4713.71
3098.55
1615.16
17

3336.36

200
96
90

2933.31
4636.65
1703.34
1615.16
88.18
63.18
25.00

To
W. A. Lucas,
Cashier &c.
Charlotte, N.C.

April 7/46.

April 1846

Charlotte N.Ca 15th April 1846.

Sir

Allow me the pleasure of introducing to your acquaintance the Revd M. Freeman of this place. He is on a visit to the North, and will probably spend a week or ten days in your City; any civilities you may have it in your power to show him during his stay will be cordially appreciated by M. Freeman, and confer a favor on

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From, G. W. Caldwell
Charlotte
Rec'd, May 22 25 April '46

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Favor of
Rev'd Mr. Freeman

U. States Branch Mint

Charlotte N.Ca 15th April 1846.

Sir

Your letter of 31st Ulto has been received: Your Memo: of the Orders for the Assay Department is correct with the exception of "One of Miller's Assay furnaces - complete with muffles", which has been either ommitted in my copy of the requisition, or overlooked by you. At a later date to wit 26th August 1845 Dr. Gibbon requests that a slab of soap stone of the proper proportions for the front of the Assayers sand bath, and a painted floor cloth for the Assayers weigh room be sent, which you will be pleased to add to his former requisition.

3.2 L
10 in
2½ d
20x16

We have a tolerably good supply of crucibles and acid, sufficient I should think to last us a Month or two.

I have this day made a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in your favor for $500. which when received I will thank you to acknowledge with the date and numbers of the Draft and Warrant and by whom payable.

Mr. Eckfeldt and his Assistants are getting on very well, they have had a good deal of trouble with the Engine which they say was none of the best at first, but from the pains and labour now bestowed on it, I have no doubt it will be better than it ever was. The Coining and cutting Presses have been put up - the Boilers have been placed in their beds - the steam cylinder has been put in position, and the first section of the shafting and fly wheel have been put in their places -

Dr. Gibbon seems to be anxious to retain Mr. Ferres who has already transferred his interest in all his shops except the One in Town, and he is now making preparations to transfer his interest in it, as he wishes to return to his former position in the Mint, and against which I can urge no objections. He leaves this place for Philadelphia on Sunday next on some business of his own, when he will visit you at the Mint, and I should be pleased that you would conference with him on the subject.

The Contractor for the Building is getting along very well now, and I think will be ready to deliver it over by the time Mr. E. K. Feldt can put us into operation.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell, Sup
Charlotte
Rec^d. Ap. 20/ Apr. 15/46

Bank of the State of N.C.
Br at Charlotte 18 Ap 1847

Dear Sir

I send you by Mr Elms for assay Five packages good Bullion which I will thank you to have assayed as per Memorandum and send me receipt and memorandum of assay by Mail at your earliest Convenience.

		Dwts
No 1	W. W. Elms	9.847
2	Tho Trotter	5.110
3	H B A L S. Williams	610.4
4	Peoples & Maxwell	261.12
5	Amos Stevens	124.18

the parcels in No 1 package please have assayed separately as before

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt
W A L McCay
Cash

Dr R M Patterson
Director
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

I send also two packages for Mr W. A. Williams which please have assayed

in his name and on his account how the two packages assayed separately the receipts and assays to me.

Respectfully
W. A. L
Cashr

From,

W. A. Lucas, Cash
B'k State of N.C.
Charlotte N.C.
18 Apr. 46

Rec'd. 24

Doct: R. M. Patterson,
Director, U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
April 20th 1846

Sir,

A letter under date of the 15th inst. received this morning from G. W. Caldwell Esq. Superintendt of the U.S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. requests, that a sum of $500 may be remitted to you on account of contingent expenditures for that Branch. Direction has been given for this amount to be sent to you, which will be done, as soon as the Warrant passes the usual forms of business.

Very Respectfully Sir.
I remain Your Ob. Sir

R. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,
Sec. of Treasury
Rec.d 21 20 April 46

April, 1846
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U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 22d. April 1846.

Sir

There have been so many depredations, such as breaking into Stores, committed in this Village during the past Fall and Winter, that I have deemed it unsafe, since we have commenced putting up our Machinery to leave the Mint exposed at night, from fear of its being again destroyed, or the Machinery injured - I have therefore employed two persons as a Watch at an Annual Salary of $300 each.

As there has been in the reconstruction of the Mint no provision made for dwelling in the Mint, I think it will be eminently necessary to continue the Watch when we commence operations, and I have to to request that you will have an item of $600 added to the estimate of the expenses of this Branch for that purpose.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G.W. Caldwell
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From,
G. W. Caldwell,
Charlotte, N.C.

Recd. 27 22 Apr. '46

Mint U. S. Philad. May 1 '46

Dear Sir,

I send the enclosed receipts & memorandums, in compliance with the request made in your letter of the 18th ult.

Yours

Ruth D.

Dr

To/

W. A. Lucas, Esq.

Cast.

Charlotte N.C.

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W. A. Lucas, Esq. Cashr.

Charlotte, N.C.

1 May '46

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Mint U.S. May 11, 1846

Sir,

We shipped, on Saturday 9th inst., ~~three~~ ~~boxes, per~~ per Schooner Eldad hence for Charleston to the care of J. S. Chambers three boxes ~~Containing~~ containing the following articles: viz

1500 fire bricks	150 ft garden hose	floorcloth for
500 " circular	2 sets copper wire & chains	Assayers Weigh
12 fire tiles 20×13	1 sheet copper	Room
" " " 24×13	Slab soap stone	
4 fire clay slabs with holes		
1 bbl fire clay		

All the other articles ordered by you will probably be shipped this week.

Very

R. M. P.

To

G. W. Caldwell, Esq. Sup.

Charlotte N.C.

To

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Charlotte, N.C.

11 May '46

(Private.)

U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, May 25, 1845.

Dear Sir,

I received, two days ago, your letter introducing the Rev. Mr. Freeman, and I now wish to ask of you, in confidence, a question regarding him.

I have failed in my attempts to find an accomplished mechanician willing to accept the vacant office of Coiner at your Mint. One on whom I had fixed my mind, has been obliged to decline in consequence of ill health. It is essential to the early renewal of operations, that an appointment be made before the adjournment of Congress, as otherwise no appointment could be made before December next; the President, in the present case, losing his power of appointment in the recess.

I have heard that a nomination has been urged, and perhaps made, of a candi-

date from South Carolina. Is this true; and if so what are his name and his claims?

I recall, three days ago, your letter introducing the Rev. Mr. Freeman. He informs me that he had hinted of been a candidate for the Comptrollership. He appears to be an intelligent man, and has certainly a taste, at least, for mechanics. Our Chief Comptr is pleased with him, and thinks he could be made competent for the place, by some lessons here. Pray tell me, freely what you think of his claims.

Tell me, in general, your views as to this matter — so important to us both.

Very truly yours,

R. M. Patterson.

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

To:
G. W. Caldwell
Sup.
Charlotte, N.C.

25 May '46

From Charlotte Mint.

Sent May 10 — Rec'd 16th. — Melt No. 6.

Reported fineness 900 ~~th~~

Weight 0.100 oz. Value $ 1.86.

May 26 — 900

Mint of the United States,

May 26, 1846.

Sir,

In looking over my letter book, I find that I had forgotten your letter of the 22d ult., respecting the employment of watchmen at your Mint, and asking me to procure an item to be added to the estimate for the next fiscal year.

I entirely approve of the means you have taken for the security of the Mint, but I think it would be both inexpedient and unnecessary to interfere with the appropriation bill. At this late period it would require special action by the Committee of Ways and Means, - already overwhelmed with business, and I therefore would not ask it without necessity. But this cannot exist, because you must have a large excess of unexpended appropriations which can be lawfully applied to the object in question.

Very faithfully yours &c.

R. M. D.

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.,
Sup. U. S. Mint.
Charlotte, N.C.

To,

G. W. Caldwell

Esq,

Charlotte N.C.

26 May 46

U.S. Branch Mint N.C.
Charlotte 2 June 1846

Sir,

The Superintendant of this Mint has desired me to transmit to you, that Mr Groszbeckfeldt, a list of the requisitions made for my department of the Mint that any thing omitted — may be supplied in time for our operations

I am with great respect

Your obt Svt

J. H. Gibbon
Assayer

Dr R. M Patterson

Director of the Mint

Requisition made by the Assayer 9 Sept. 1844

A Miller's assay furnace complete with muffles
A set of Assay weights for Gold
2 pair fine forceps for Assays. ready
Small copper still and worm to distil water
A sheet of copper for assay pans & crucible stand
A carboy of pure Nitric acid for Assays

Requisition made 26 August 1845

Drawings of the plan & elevation of the sand bath — and fixtures for the assay furnaces — with the direction of their flues — and explanations —
A slab of soap stone for the front of the Assayers sand bath.
Fire brick — tiles & fire clay for furnaces &
✓ 2 kegs of white lead to paint fixtures &
Painted floor cloth for Assayers weigh room

Additional articles required 26 May 1846
✓ 2 Setts iron tongs for Assay room
✓ One large & one small copper tea kettle for do.
✓ A sheet of stout iron for coal pans.
✓ 6 sheets of Zinc for floor of assay room
✓ Soap stone facings for furnace in do. { 2 pieces 17 in long 6 in wide; 2 do. 2 ft " 6 " "
✓ Box Sperma cite candles No. 6 —
✓ pair of plated candlesticks
✓ Diamond painted [illegible]
✓ 2 Hydrometers [illegible] handled [illegible]

Firm/

Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon
Assayer of Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd. 11th 2 June 46

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mr George Eckfeldt

Dear Sir

Wilmington June 3° 1846

I learn from Mr Henry S. Alrichs a son of our most worthy Citizen Mr Jacob Alrichs, that he is an applicant for an appointment connected with the Branch Mint at Charlotte in North Carolina. I have long known both father and son who are highly respectable Citizens of this place. You may rely upon Mr Henry S Alrichs' intelligence integrity, and Mechanical skill. I hope it will be in your power to gratify both father and son by giving him the desired appointment.

Very respectfully & truly yours &c

Richd H. Bayard

Robert M. Patterson Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

From
Hon. Richd. H. Bayard
Wilmington
June 3/46.

Charlotte

(Private)

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 3d June 1846.

Sir

I have the honor to report the completion of the putting in place of the Machinery belonging to this Mint by Mr. G. Eckfeldt and his Assistants Messrs Pierre & Ore, and it is but right and proper that I should strongly express my satisfaction at the ability and fidelity with which the work has been performed.

I have paid them for their services up to the 10th Inst and allowed them $50 each to bear their expenses in travelling home. They leave here today with the best wishes and kindliest feelings of all attached to the Mint, and of that portion of the Community to whom they are best known.

I regret you have not succeeded in procuring for us a competent person to fill the Office of Coiner, as I suppose we will be able to commence operations by the 1st prox.o – if the appointment has been conferred on Mr. Bennett of S.Ca I have not been informed of the fact except by rumour. He is a Gentleman I have never seen and know nothing about.

As to Mr. Freeman, with all the respect that I entertain for him, I must say, that I do not think him qualified for the Office. He has been the Pastor of the Presbyterian Congregation in this Town, who became

dissatisfied with him, and whose place has been filled with another, and I do not think he would give even the satisfaction to the Community as a Coiner which he gave to his Congregation as a Preacher. I therefore hope that you may be able at a very early day to find some person whom you may deem competent to fill the Office, as there is none in my knowledge whom I can recommend, and the presence of a Coiner being absolutely requisite at this time.

On the 15th April last I made a requisition on the Sec.y of the Treasury in your favor for $500, of which I advised you by the same mail. Have you received it? if so, be good enough to give me the number of the Warrant & Draft by whom payable, so that I may charge myself directly with the amount, and take it into the A/cs of the current Quarter.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

G. W. Caldwell,

Superintendent

Charlotte, N. C.

Rec'd 8th 3 June 1846

June 1846

Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, June 9th, 1845.

Sir,

During
At a visit which was recently made at the Mint by the Hon. James A. Black and F. H. Elmore, my attention was called to a claim made in 1837, by Messrs. Reuben Perry and Thomas Ligon, the Contractors employed for building the edifice for the Branch Mint at Charlotte in North Carolina; and evidence was laid before me, and explanations given, which disposed me to modify somewhat the opinion which I gave on that occasion. Permit me then, to present to you a brief statement of the case.

The specifications in the Contract agreed to by Messrs. Perry and Ligon, called for a cornice around the building, of considerable projection, to be made of brick. In May 1836, Major James H. Combs, the Commissioner for the erection of the building, informed me that the Contractors had begged him to invite my attention to the cornice as laid down on the plan, ~~of the building~~, as a brick cornice, with the projection given in this plan, could not be made to stand; and they suggested the substitution of stone, either rough to be plastered, or dressed, as I might think fit. The difficulty thus ~~suggested~~ presented by the Contractors was referred by me to the Architect, Mr. Strickland, who had furnished the designs

and he stated that the cornice could certainly be constructed in brick, properly moulded for the purpose, but that it might, perhaps, be more readily done by rough stone, to be plastered, and he presented a plan for this purpose.

~~From some communication~~

I am now satisfied that of such bricks as could be made of the clay found in the neighborhood of Charlotte, a cornice having the projection required for architectural effect, could not have been constructed with safety, and that a resort to the stone flags was necessary.

From the communications made to me at the time, I received the impression that the cornice actually constructed was made entirely of dressed stone, and objected to any remuneration for the extra cost of such a work, because it had never been authorized. I now find that there was but one range of stone flags used, and that these were but roughly dressed on their lower projecting surface, and that the body of the cornice was still made of bricks.

The question of the additional cost of the cornice thus constructed was referred by the Commissioner, (without authority, however, either from the Secretary of the Treasury or myself,) to three men who were deemed competent and impartial judges, and they declared, on the evidence of

witnesses examined under oath, that "the amount paid for quarrying, wagoning 21 miles, cutting, and putting up the work, on the walls, was $1177."

In acceding to the suggestion made by the Contractors of using stone in the cornice, I had certainly no expectation that this change was to involve an additional expense, and such a consequence was not alluded to by them at the time. Yet there can be no doubt, I think, that the change was necessary, and that the additional cost was incurred. I would therefore, ~~if asked should the claim~~ withdraw my former objection to the claim, should it again be brought before Congress.

R. M. P.

Hon. Robt. J. Walker,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To,

Sec. of the Treasury

10 June 1846.

Mint U.S. June 16, 1846

Sir,

I was truly gratified by the receipt of your letter of the 3d inst. It is a great satisfaction to me to know that the measures taken with regard to the Machinery for your Mint, have proved satisfactory to the end. Mess. Eckfeldt & Pierie have not yet got here. Mr Orr presented himself on Monday, delighted with his excursion & particularly grateful for the kind attentions paid to the party by yourself & the citizens of ~~the~~ your town

I have reason to believe that the name of Mr Bennett of South Carolina has been for some weeks before the Senate for the Office vacant in your Mint. I am not much surprized by the opinion you express of another candidate

regarding whom I consulted you.

I was surprised to learn from your letter that I had neglected to inform you of the receipt of the $500 for which you made a requisition in my favor, on the Treasury Department on the 15th April last. It was sent to me from Washington on the 21st, and received on 22d. The draft was to my order on the Philadelphia Bank, No. 2475, on Treasury Warrant 4944

R. M. R.

G. W. Caldwell, Esq
Sup. Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.

To,

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Charlotte, N.C.

10 June '46 ~~10 June~~

Mint Office
June 11, 1846.

Sir,

I have a letter of the 3d inst., from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, informing that the workmen whom I sent from here to set up the machinery prepared for that institution, had finished their task, and adds that "it is but right and proper that he should strongly express his satisfaction at the ability and fidelity with which the work had been performed."

This Mint could not be put in full operation, by the first of July, if the place of Coiner were filled. I have, therefore, thought it proper to urge the importance of early action in this case. I have understood that the name of Mr. Bennett of South Carolina has been sent up to the Senate by the President, for the place, and could not this If this be so, could they not be informed of the importance of hastening their decision? It is right, at least, that I should inform the President and the Department, that the want of a Coiner is now the only obstacle that can prevent the early resumption of operations at the Charlotte Mint.

R. M. P.

To Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treas.

To,

Sec. of the Treasury

" 11 June '46.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 15, 1846.

Mr. Arthur Orr was employed in our work-shop, for about a year, upon the machinery for the Branch Mint at Charlotte in North Carolina, and has since been engaged, as one of the Assistants of Mr. George Eckfeldt, in putting up this machinery, at Charlotte. His task is now completed, and it gives me pleasure to state that he has performed his duties in the most satisfactory manner. He may be relied upon as a skilful and faithful workman, and ~~as a man of the~~ ~~oldest private character~~ an honest man.

R. M. Patterson,

Dr

To

Mr. Arthur Orr.

June 16 / 4th.

A certificate on his leaving the Service of the Mint.

Mint U.S. Phil. June 17 '46

Dear W,

I wrote to the Secretary of the Treasury to inform him that the Machy of the Charlotte Branch Mint was in working order, and that nothing could prevent the very early resumption of the operations in that institution except the continued vacancy in the office of Assr.

Pray do me the favor to enquire into the present condition of this matter. You told me that W. Bennett had been put in nomination. What delays the action of the Senate if this be the case?

I am anxious to be informed with regard to a question that so much concerns me, and I have thought that you would not be unwilling to make the inquiries which I ask, and to let me know the result.

R. M. S.

Hon. Jas. A. Black.

P.

Hon. Jas. A. Black

Washington

17 June '46

Mint of the United States
June 20, 1844.

Sir,

Mr. George Eckfeldt brought to me, from Dr. Gibbon, a copy of certain requisitions which had been made, through you, for his department, on the 9th Sept. 1844, and 26th Aug. 1845.

I find that all the articles included in the list have been sent except the following.

Two pair assay scraps. These were made by one of our own workmen, and are ready.

Two kegs white lead. These had never been ordered by you but will be sent.

A set of assay-weights for Gold. — Mr. Jacob Eckfeldt had promised that he would furnish these weights; but he finds, on examination of his own supply, that he has scarcely more than enough for his own use.

Will you please to inform me whether

those which Dr. Gibbon now has may not answer his purposes, until we can import a lot from Paris.

~~The articles asked for, by the requisition of the 26th ult., are ordered.~~

At the end of the letter there is a new requisition, marked, I know not why, as of the 26th of May, as no such requisition has reached us under that date; and I must presume, therefore, that you had not sent it. You are aware of the rule that all requisitions should come through the Superintendent. As some of the articles asked for, however, are important and of clear necessity, they have been ordered. The following are suspended for your approbation

Box Spermaceti candles.
Pair Plated candlesticks.
Diamond-pointed pen.

Very respectfully &
faithfully yours,
R. M. Patterson,
Director

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint, Charlotte.

To/

G. W. Caldwell, Supt

Charlotte, N.C.

20 June '46

Mint U.S. Phil. June 25/49

Dear Sir,

We have an order from Charlotte for a barrel of sand crucibles. Will you be kind enough to inform me if you can furnish them and at what rate?

Yrs

Rm P.

Dr

To/ Joseph W Farnum MD

New York.

To,

S. W. Parnum,

New York

25 June '47

U. States Branch Mint

Charlotte N. C. 27th June 1846.

Sir

Your letter of the 20th Inst. relative to sundry requisitions made by Dr. Gibbon has been received.

As to the Assay weights for Gold, I am informed by Dr. Gibbon, that he has not one except the large weight, and that a small piece of that has been broken off, so that it be possible for Mr. Eckfeldt to spare us a set of his till you could replace them from Paris we will be thankful, as in the course of 3 weeks if a Coiner be appointed we may resume operations — should it be necessary however to send to Paris for these weights, there is no telling how long we may be delayed, and the Community here are very anxious for us to commence as soon as possible, as large quantities of Gold have been held up in expectation of our getting to work immediately.

I do not deem myself warranted in approving his requisition of 26th May for "a pair of plated Candlesticks, a box of spermaceti Candles, and a diamond pointed pen", as I cannot see that they are at all necessary for Assay operations. Should they be necessary, we can get them here when that necessity becomes apparent. I will however thank you to have a Gold Bullion Ledger prepared and sent to me as the old one is completely filled up.

Allow me to suggest to you the importance of having a Coiner, and to request that you will call the attention of the

Secretary of the Treasury to the fact.

Since the putting up of the Machinery, I am very much at a loss where to locate the adjusting room, unless the Coiner takes the Office formerly occupied by Mr. Bolton and now allotted on the plans to Dr Gibbon, then the Office now allotted to the Coiner, would make a very excellent and convenient adjusting room, as it is entirely too small for a Coiners Office, and especially if the large scales are placed in it. — this alteration you will observe would still allow Dr. Gibbon two rooms, which I should think would be sufficient for the operations of the Assayer.

I ask your approbation of this alteration in order to avoid any difficulty with Dr. Gibbon, as he is very averse to regard any suggestion or alteration of mine without your approbation. An early answer on this point is requested as we are preparing the fixtures —

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. M. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Washington City June 29th 1846.

My Dear Sir:

In answer to your note of this morning, Requesting a letter from me to Dr Patterson of Phil^d, requesting him to admit Mr Stone into the Mint at Phil^d for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is qualified to discharge the duties of Coiner at the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. — I have to state that I have no mollection of ever having had a personal acquaintance with Dr Patterson. — As a faithful public officer I know him well. — I hope Mr Stone may prove himself to be qualified for the Station which you desire him to fill, — as in that event there is no gentleman whom it would give me more pleasure to appoint. — ~~to the station which you desire him to fill~~. — You can if you choose address Dr Patterson and enclose to him this letter. — I know Mr Stone to be a gentleman of high character, and it will give me sincere pleasure to gratify your wishes and his, if I can do so consistently with the public interests. —

In haste Yr friend

James X. Polk

Hon. Wm H. Haywood
U. S. Senate

Washington City June 29th 1846.

My Dear Sir;

In answer to your note of this morning, Requesting a letter from me to Dr. Patterson of Phil.a, requesting him to admit Mr Stowe into the Mint at Phil.a for the purpose of ascertaining whether he is qualified to discharge the duties of Coiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. — I have to State that I have no recollection of ever having had a personal acquaintance with Dr. Patterson. — As a faithful public officer I know him well. — I hope Mr Stowe may prove himself to be qualified for the Station which you desire him to fill, — as in that event there is no gentleman whom it would give me more pleasure to appoint. — ~~to the Station which you desire him to fill~~. — You can if you choose address Dr. Patterson and inclose to him this letter. — I know Mr Stowe to be a gentleman of high character, and it will give me sincere pleasure to gratify your wishes and his, if I can do so consistently with the public interests. —

In haste Yr. friend

James K. Polk

Hon. Mr. Haywood
U. S. Senate

Senate of the U States

Dear Sir

The letter from the President of the U States that will be handed to you with this communication will I hope be received as a sufficient introduction to excuse my addressing you without a personal acquaintance.

My friend David W Stone esq: of North Carolina is anxious to qualify himself for the office of Coiner at the Mint in North Carolina and for that purpose alone he goes to Phil.a and I am authorized by the President to hope & expect that you will admit Mr Stone into your mint and cause proper instructions to be given to him until Mr Stone becomes convinced that he can or cannot accept the appointment with a certainty of doing its duties well.

Besides doing an act of kindness to a most excellent man you will oblige me very much by any attentions you can find it agreeable to extend to my friend.

Mr Stone is of the first families in my State - an educated gentleman & in my judgment eminently fitted for a much higher post, but he is without employment and idleness annoys him & is doing hurt to his constitution - He has a disposition to go into the Mint and the suggestion that he should

became a pupil of your Department before his nomination proceeded from me as I am sure it would mortify him exceedingly to go into office & find himself unfit for it.

Ignorant as I am about the duties of a Coiner I feel unable to decide the question but Mr Stone is I presume capable of learning in 30 or 60 days whether he is likely to be useful by a Month or Six weeks of service with your Coiner.

I commend Mr Stone & his excellent Lady to the kind attention of yourself & friends in Philadelphia & request the favour of a reply to this letter after Mr Stone has been with you a week or two as the President must fill the office before Congress adjourn.

With high respect &c I have the honour to be your Obt. Servt.

Wm Gaston Haywood Jr.

29 June 1826.

Wm Patterson

N. J. Mint

Phila

From,

Hon. W. H. Haywood, jr

U. S. Senate

Washington.

Rec'd. July 1 29 June 1846

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Mr Patterson

U States Mint

Philadelphia

Mr Stone

Charlotte

July 3d, 1844.

Dear Sir,

I found in Mr. Hoke, an old acquaintance, whom I had several times seen, and with whom I had been long in correspondence, while he was connected with the Bank at Raleigh. I can sincerely say that it would have given me much pleasure if I could have conscientiously recommended him to the President as fitted for the office of Coiner of the ~~Ft~~ Charlotte Branch Mint. I could not do it, however, without contradicting ~~my separate~~ the opinion repeatedly expressed to the Department, and which I have no reason to change, that the ~~Offic~~ duties of a Coiner of a Mint require that the officer be a mechanician. ~~His qualification conduction has always been regarded~~ From the first rolling of the ingots to the striking of the ~~planchets~~ coins nearly every operation is mechanical, and is conducted by machines, ~~which the Coiner ought thoroughly to understand~~ liable to derangement, and which the Coiner ought thoroughly to understand. From the first ~~coinage~~ establishment of the Mint, more than half a century ago, to the present time, no instance has occurred, ~~of the either~~ in the Mint or its Branches, of the appointment of a Coiner who was not a machinist; and I do not think that it would be prudent or safe to

deviate from this practice. It is true that the

The impression seems to have been made upon your mind and that of Mr. Stone, that a competent knowledge of the machinery of a mint could be acquired, in a short time, even by an individual wholly ~~unused to~~ unprepared ~~for instruction~~ by previous ~~education~~ instruction and practice in mechanics. I am confident that this is not the case. ~~I look upon the It is true that the Coiner is not called upon to perform personally mechanical labors~~

Now I have felt it incumbent upon me frankly to make known to Mr. Stone the views which I ~~entertain~~ have of this matter; and it has given me great pain to do so, because ~~it~~ he has considered my opinion as decisive of ~~the~~ his ~~course~~ case, ~~which he ought to pre~~ and I see that he is sorely disappointed. He has been accustomed to constant employment, and he is suffering ~~from~~ for the want of it. If it be the pleasure of the President to appoint him, I shall do all I can to aid him in the performance of his duties; but I cannot, consistently or conscientiously recommend him for the office.

R. M. Patterson

Owner is not called upon to perform personally, mechanical labour, but it is nevertheless of great importance that he ~~if~~ he should know how to perform them. The Commander of a Ship ought to be a Sailor, though he is not expected to handle the ropes.

To/

Hon. W. H. Haywood,
U. S. Senate,
Washington.

July 3/46.

Charlotte

Private.

Mint of the United States.
July 6th, 1846.

Dear Sir,

I send herewith an official letter on the subject of the Office of Coiner in the Charlotte Mint, and I have taken the liberty to present a name for the consideration of the President.

You will find in my letter a remark respecting an other Applicant, which you may not understand. The gentleman in question is Mr. David W. Stone, formerly President & Cashier of the Bank at Raleigh N.C. He was introduced to, brought a warm letter from Senator Haywood, and a very kind letter recommending him to Mr Bayard from the President, which was sent to me with the consent of the President. Mr. Stone is a most respectable man, and no doubt an excellent accountant, but he has no knowledge even of the elements of practical mechanics, and therefore could not, I am sure, fill the duties of the Office to the satisfaction either of himself or the government. He has considered my opinion

~~to this effect, which I frankly communicated to him, as conclusive, and has, I believe, withdrawn his pretentions. Thus long had I high opinion of him, and it was not without great pain that I perceived that I be bound to an very duty in his case.~~

Let me beg that my letter containing the nomination of Mr. Brooks may be laid before the President. ~~The Superintendent Mann just a~~ It is now the vacancy in the Coinership which alone ~~are~~ prevents the resumption of operations in the Charlotte Mint.

R. M. P.

W/
Hon R. J. Walker

Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec of Treasury
Washington

6 July 46

July 1846

Mint U.S. Phil. July 8. 1846

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult.

In consequence of the information which you have conveyed to me from Mr Gibbons, Mr Eckfeldt has agreed to spare him a set of gold assay weights; and we will order a new set for him to replace them.

Your order for a gold bullion beam will be attended to.

I had not failed to call the attention of the Secretary of the Treasury, and through him that of the President, to the pressing importance of an early appointment of a Coiner for your Mint. When I first wrote after the completion of your Machinery, I supposed, from information which had been given to me, that a nomination had been made, and that the delay had occurred in the Senate. I have since learned that this was not the case; and on the 6th inst., I recommended the appointment of a gentleman named John Brooks. His qualifications are all that we could ask. He has been six years in the Coining department of the New Orleans Mint, and, for the last three years, a foreman. He is an excellent Machinist. He has so fully the confidence of the Super-

assistant and Coiner, as to have been several times entrusted with the management of the whole department, during the absence of the principal officer. He appears to be about 30 years old, and has all the appearance and manners of a gentleman. He has recently married the daughter of Mr. Rufus Tyler, the first Coiner of the late Mr. Rufus Tyler, the first Coiner of the New Orleans Mint.

I have been looking carefully over the plans of your building and I see fully the whole force of your remarks respecting the accommodation of the Coiner. If that closet fortuitimed office in the back passage be set apart as an adjusting room, (and there seems to be no other place for one,) the Coiner would be actually without an office. This must not be, and I can see no remedy for the evil except that which you suggest. I regret that it should be necessary to deprive Dr Gibbon of one of the apartments of his suite; but with this step he would still have a very good office adjoining his laboratory, — and without it the Coiner would be without any office at all. I feel obliged therefore to give my approval of the change, and I am sure that Dr Gibbon will not fail to see the necessity for it. A vault is, I see, appropriated to the Assayer, which opens into the room now proposed to be occupied by the Coiner. If it be deemed necessary that the

Assayer have a vault, and if he desire to have it separated from the Coin's Office, this may be done, as you will see, by changing the place of the door.

Yr. R. M. P.

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Ch. Mint

To,

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Charlotte. N. C.

8 July '46

U.S. Branch Mint N.C. July 16. 1846

Sir

The Superintendant of the Mint informs me it is your request that I should give up for the use of the Coiner — the appartment appropriated as my office and weigh room.

The one formerly employed as a weighing room I design as a laboratory. In it we propose to distil water — and acid — if necessary to purpose fine silver and other essential work.

This room is exposed to all the afternoon sun — and, in summer, I have often been obliged to refer to the Office upstairs to complete my calculations.

My health has suffered in this climate and as my family reside out of town I sometimes sleep in my office, when business pressed, in order to have the freshness of the evenings & mornings to complete my work. The arrangement proposed would prevent this — much to my own inconvenience and that of the depositors.

I therefore trust that such other distribution as the size of the building will allow — may be made for the accomodation of the Coiner.

I am very respectfully yr obt Servt

J. H. Gibbon

From,

Dr. John H. Gibbon
Assayer &c
Charlotte

Recd. 25th 16 July 1846

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Mint U.S. July 18, 1846.

Sir,

In a letter to you written on the 6th inst., I called your attention, and through you that of the President, to the fact that the resumption of operations at the Charlotte Mint was now prevented only by the vacancy in the office of Coiner; and I took the liberty of suggesting the name of Mr. John B Brooks, as that of a person in every way competent to fill the vacant place. I was sent to you on Saturday a letter from the Coiner of the New Orleans Mint, and from Mr. Brooks himself fully confirming my opinion of Mr. Brooks and I also sent a letter from Mr. Brooks himself, stating his willingness to accept the office if appointed.

May I ask to be informed as to the fact whether this, or any other, nomination has been made? And any inquiry as to the present condition of the Charlotte Mint

R. M. P.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Secretary of the Treasury.

To
Sec. of Treasury.
July 18/46.

Mint U.S.
July 25/46.

Sir,

I beg leave to add the enclosed letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans, to those already sent to you regarding the nomination of Mr John Brooks, as Coiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.

R.M.P.

Hon. R. J. Walker
Sec. of Tr.

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Sec. of the Treasury

Washington

July 25 46

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 25 July 1846

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the Mint Building will be completed by the 1st August next, and that in the course of 10 days or so thereafter, we might commence operations if we had a Coiner, and the Assay weights for Dr. Gibbon.

As it is probable, that even were a Coiner appointed now, it would be at least a month before he could report himself here, I should like to avail myself of that time in taking a trip to the Mountains for the benefit of my health. Should you think however that there is a probability of his being here at an earlier day, I would not leave, and will therefore thank you upon receipt of this letter to inform me at what time he may be expected. Be pleased also to inform me what direction you have given in forwarding the Assay weights for Dr. Gibbon.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
C. M. Caldwell
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From,

G. W. Caldwell, Supt.

~~Charlotte N.C.~~

Rec'd Aug 3' 25 July 46

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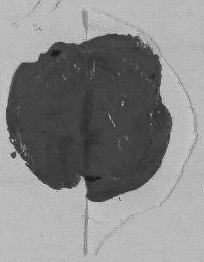
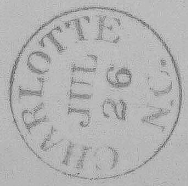
Dr. R. M. Patterson

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

August 1846





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Mint U. S. Philad.ᵃ July 28 '46

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th inst., and would be very glad were it in my power, to propose to the Superintendent any arrangement which would enable you to retain three rooms at the Mint, and yet leave a suitable office for the Coiner. I have again examined the plans, and find myself unable to solve the problem. It cannot be asked that the Coiner and Melter & Refiner should be without an office, and I can see no mode of giving him one except that which has been suggested; and I have, therefore, to express my regret that it should subject you to any inconvenience.

Very respectfully, your faithful servant,

R. M. P.

Dr. J. H. Gibbon
Assayer Ct. &c.

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Dr. Jno. H. Gibbon,

Assayer &c.

July 28 45 Charlotte N.C.

Mint U. S. July 31, 1844.

Sir,

I have just had a visit from Mr. Williams, a merchant of Charlotte, introduced to me by Mr. Meigs. He asked for a set of assay-weights for your Mint. I have to inform you that they were shipped from here on the 23d inst., to reach you via Charleston, as heretofore. At the same time, we sent rolls, blanks, files, &c., ordered, as I think, through Mr. Geo. Eckfeldt. The assaying scales required by you are ready, and will be sent by the next opportunity.

Mr. Williams, who was sometime at Washington, learns from Mr. Black of S.C., that a person named Graham was under nomination for your vacant office of Coiner. I was distressed to hear the opinion given of this candidate by Mr. Williams. According to this information given, Mr. Graham is already an old man, — is wholly uneducated, — and is not a mechanist in the sense usually received. If this be so, his appointment must be a great misfortune. I pray you to inquire into this matter, and to write to Washington without delay. Indeed, I fear it may be already too late.

Mr. Williams speaks highly of a Mr. John Gluys. If my nominee, Mr. Brooks, is not approved, (as seems to be the fact,) perhaps Mr. Gluys might. What do you know of him?

I have felt a great anxiety about this appointment. The success of your Mint depends greatly upon it.

R. M. P.

To
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mt.
Charlotte, N. C.

To/

G. W. Caldwell,

Supt. &c

Charlotte, N.C.

31st July '46

Mint U. S. Philada Aug 5, 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant, in my favor, for Seventy-two dollars and 97 cents, ($72.97/) out of the appropriation for the purchase of machinery &c for the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.

This amount will enable me to pay the last outstanding bill for expenses incurred here, and I will then present my account in full for settlement by the Department

R. M. P.

To/ Hon. R. J. Walker,
Sec. of Treasury

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Hon. R. J. Walker,

Sec. of Tr.

Aug. 5 46

August 1846

Mint U.S.
Aug 5, '46.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th ult. Mint of the 31st will have given you all the information I possess on the important question of the coinership. I think it improbable however that any one will be in place so soon as to prevent your making the trip to the mountains required by the state of your health.

R. M. P.

To
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

P.S. I have this day made a requisition on the Department for $72.97, out of the appropriation for Machinery &c for your Mint. This amount will enable me to pay all bills outstanding, and to present my account in full. The whole sum spent by me will be $5572.97.

E.J

G. W. Caldwell, Esq

Charlotte N.C.

Aug. 5th '48

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office,
August 8th 1846.

Sir,

I enclose for transmission to Eminor Graham, Esq., a Commission as Coiner of the Branch Mint of the United States, at Charlotte; also the form of a bond to be executed by him, with one or more sureties to your satisfaction and the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to whom you will send it, after you shall have thereon certified your approval.

With great respect,
Your Ob't Serv't
Jas. Wm. McCulloh
Comptroller.

R. M. Patterson, Esq.,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

From,

L. W. McCulloh

Comptroller &c

Washington

Rec'd 10 8 Aug. 46

Mint U. S. Phil. Aug. 10, 1846

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of the commission of Emmor ~~Kimber~~ Graham, Esq. as Coiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte; and of the form of bond to be executed by him. Three copies shall be sent to him as you desire, with instructions to return the bond to me for my approval.

Yr. R. M. C.

James W. McCulloh, Esq
Comptroller of U. S. Treasury.

To/ J. W. McCulloh, Esq.
Washington.
10 Aug. 46

Mint U. S. Philad.a Aug. 10, 1846.

Sir,

I have received the enclosed papers for transmission to you. One is your commission as Coiner of the Branch Mint of the United States at Charlotte; the other is the form of a bond to be executed by you with sureties.

If you determine to accept the office you will please to let this be known immediately to the Secretary of the Treasury and also to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte and to myself.

When your bond is duly executed you will please to send it to me. It is necessary that the sufficiency of your sureties should be certified by the judge before whom you take your oath of office or by some other individual whose evidence may be satisfactory to me.

As soon as you shall find it practicable you will present yourself to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte for the purpose of entering upon the execution of your official duties. As I have been assured by your friend the Hon. M. Black that you are an expert machinist, I cannot suppose that you will not be able to commence your duties at Charlotte, without the necessity of first visiting this Mint. In the duties of Melter & Refiner you will have the advice and aid of Dr. Gibbons, and in the duties of the Coinership proper you will find an experienced assistant in Mr. John Rigler.

R. M. P.

Emmor Graham, Esq.

To/

Emmor Graham, Esq

(Care of Superint.t

Charlotte N.C)

10 Aug.t 46

Mint U. S. Philad.^a Aug. 10, 1846

Sir,

If Mr. Caldwell shall have gone to the mountains as he proposed you will please to forward the package intended for Mr. Graham, whose address I hope you know, or at least will be able to ascertain. You will also send to Mr. Caldwell my letter directed to him and a copy of that directed to Mr. Graham.

Rob. M. P.

W. F. Strange, Esq.
Clerk of Br. Mint
Charlotte N. C.

S/ W. T. Range, Clerk
Charlotte N.C.

10 Aug. '46

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – 1846 (CONT.)

Mint U. S. Aug. 10, 1846

Sir,

I have received this morning from the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Commission of Emmon Graham Esq as Coiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, and also the form of a bond to be executed by him

These papers I now send to you to be transmitted to Mr. Graham with whose address I am not acquainted. I also enclose a letter to Mr. Graham, which you will please to read and forward

Respectfully

R. M. Patterson

G. W. Caldwell, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint, Charlotte

To/

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

Charlotte N.C.

10 Aug. 1846

Personal visit from Edward H. Bissell, from Charlotte N.C.

Says the appointment of Mr. Emmor Grahame gives universal dissatisfaction. That he is a filthy blasphemous and very pernicious. He is also very inefficient.

He is, however a pretty good mechanic, (a mill wright,) and has much information.

He is about 55 years old. was born in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Now lives in South Carolina, about 40 miles from Charlotte. Has a family there.

Has been in partnership, in certain iron works, with Messrs. Black and Gilmore Elmore. was appointed in consequence of the urgent recommendation of Mr. Black.

This character of report corresponds with that given to me by Mr. Williams.

Edw.d W. Bissell,
of Charlotte, N.C.
Aug. 11, 1845.

A personal visit, at which he made some remarks respecting Mr. Erwin Graham

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 14.th August 1846.

Sir

Of the same date with this I have written to the Secy of the Treasury strongly and distinctly dissenting from the appointment of either Mr. E. Graham or Mr. John Gluyas as Coiner of this Mint whose names I have been informed have been presented to the President for the Office.

I have at the same time and in the same terms recommended and insisted upon the appointment of Mr. Brooks as a person every way qualified for the Office, and who could at once commence operations here, without the previous and necessary delay of a Months or Six weeks instruction at your Mint.

Be pleased to aid me in urging the immediate appointment of Mr. Brooks as we are now, I may say, only delayed, from getting to work for want of a Coiner.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
C. M. Caldwell
Supt.

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From
G. W. Caldwell
Sup. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.
Aug 14 / 46

Rec'd 19th.

1846

Charlotte N.C. Aug 29

Mr Patterson

Sir

I have received your letter dated Philadelphia 10. Aug — to gether with the enclosed papers viz my commission as Coiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte and the form of a Bond I have accepted the appointment and will have the Bond executed and returned to you as soon as possible

Respectfully

Em Monroe Graham

Mr R M Patterson
Director U S Mint

From,

Emmor Graham,

Charlotte N.C.

Rec.d 8 Sept. 29 Aug 46

1 Pig pure Missouri lead for assaying
2 Dozen Glass Matrasses for Do
6 Coal Baskets
6 Iron bound Buckets
Adjusting files — Rat tailed files (assorted)
2 Boxes Zinc for Refinery
One 2 foot Carpenters Rule.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 2 Septem.r 1846.

Sir

In the absence of M.r Caldwell, who has gone to the Mountains for 8 or 10 days, I have the honor of requesting, that you will cause to be forwarded, with as little delay as possible, the above list of Articles, required by the Coiner, whose acceptance of the Office I enclose. He has taken the Oath of Office, and will execute his Bond, in time, probably, to forward by the next mail.

If any of the above Articles have been already sent you will please to withdraw the requisition as to them, and have the others forwarded, as some of them are of prime necessity, for us in commencing, at least in continuing operations without interruption, when we do commence, which I think, from present appearances, will be about

List of Articles for the Coining, Refining and Assaying Departments of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.

One set of turning tools for wood
50 or 100 lbs of packing Yarn (Oakum)
1 Reime Emory Paper (exported)
30 Gallons Sperm Oil
1 Box Soap
1 Bundle nail Rods
6 sheets Russia Iron
2 China Baileys for Philter
2 Precipitating tubs lined with lead
2 Syphons
4 Gold Drying Pans
4 Precipitating Jars
1 Ream Filtering Paper
1 Copper strainer for sweetening Silver
1 Copper pan for waxing strips
12 scrub brushes.
1 Cast Black lead pot No 30
12 Carboys nitric acid
2 Do Sulphuric Do
2 Do pure nitric acid for assaying
2 Bbls fine clay -

(over)

Firm,

W. P. Strange, Clerk

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd 8th 2 Sept. '46

September 1846

the middle of this Month.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
M. F. Strange Clk

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Piedmont farm
York No. Ca.
16th Sept. 1846

Sir

I have just seen Mr
E Graham Corner at the
ment at Charlotte No Ca.
Executed his Bond with
F. H. Elmore Wm H. Gist, Wm
Giles, Wm C Black, R Swann
& Thos P Black Esqr as Security
I hereby Certify to you
that they are all and
each of them more then
good for the Bond

Gist & Giles are amongst our
wealthiest citizens and
are good alone for twenty
times the amount of the
obligation —
I take great pleasure
in again assuring you
you will find in Mr
Graham & able, efficient
and trust worthy officer
and a most excellent
man — with great respect
Your obt
James A Black
Wm Patterson Esq
Director of the U S Mint.

From,

Hon. J. A. Black

Piedmont farm York S.C., 16 Sep

mailed Charlotte N.C.

Recd. 7th 2 Oct. '46

Mint U. S. Sept. 22, 1846

Sir,

I received from your Mint on the 8th inst. a requisition for a number of "articles for the Coining Refining & assay departments"

The following have been already forwarded

One set turning tools for wood
Packing yarn (& rags)
Bundle nail iron
Six sheets Russia Iron
Cask black lead pots
12 carboys nitric acid
2 " sulphuric
6 coal baskets
6 Iron bound buckets
Adjusting files & rat-tailed
Two foot carpenters rule: (with pair compasses)

The remaining articles will soon be sent with the following exceptions, however.

"Ten carboys of pure nitric acid for alloying" are asked for. Now one carboy was sent by us on the 9th of July, & I am sure that no more can be needed. Let me refer you to my further correspondence on the subject. At all the other Mints the assays refine, by distillation &c. & this ought to be done at yours.

"Copper pan for rasing strips". The use of such a pan has long been abandoned at this Mint. The process connected with it was found to load the strips too heavily with wax. We therefore, now, simply melt the wax in a tin pan, dip a large rag into it, and then draw the waxed rag over the strips, warmed as heretofore. This simple process is found to be much better than the old one.

"30 gallons Spirm oil & one box soap". You will please to order for the Mint from Charleston.

I can see no reason for sending such articles from Philadelphia to Charleston, when they must be as cheap there as they are here.

It is important for me to let you know that this order found us out of funds from your Mint. You must therefore send me as much money at least as will pay for the articles, say $400.

I have presented my accounts for Machinery &c. to the department. The whole amount was $5,572.97

Yrs

R.M.P.

Sec

To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Sup. Br. Mint
Charlotte N.C.

Postscript. — I am quite filled with anxiety to hear from you, and have been looking daily for letters. It is high time that your Mint should be in operation. I have not yet received Mr. Graham's surety bond. Why is it delayed?

To/ G. W. Caldwell, Esq
Charlotte N.C.

22 Sept. 46

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 2 October 1846.

Sir

Your letters have been received, and will be attended to by next mail— On yesterday I moved to the Mint, and we are still in such confusion and bustle, that I have been unable to make out the estimates for this fiscal year of this Mint commencing in July 1847, but will do so and forward them by next mail.

I enclose Mr. Grahams Bond as Coiner of this Mint; I am personally unacquainted with the circumstances of the Obligors but from information received from a Gentleman, in whom I have every confidence, I have no hesitation in recommending the acceptance of the Bond.

No deposites of Gold have been yet offered, and probably will not before Monday, on which day we intend commencing the Coinage of the $\frac{1}{2}$ Eagle Ingots which we had cast, just previous to the destruction of the Mint in July 1844.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint, Phila

Rec'd

G. W. Caldwell, Sup.
Charlotte N.C.

Ret. 7 2 Oct. 46

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C.a 10th Oct.r 1846.

Sir

In compliance with your request, that I would send an Estimate of the Appropriations which will be required for this Branch of the Mint, for the fiscal year commencing 1 July 1847, I respectfully submit the following

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk	$6.000.
" Pay of Labourers in the various Departments	3.500.
" Wastage of Gold and for Contingent Expenses	1.500.
" Pay of a night Watch in guarding the Mint	600.
	$11.600.

Your letter of the 1st Inst enclosing your a/c for the Quarter ending 30 Sept.r has been received, by which I perceive I am indebted to you in the sum of $75.99,— by this mail, I have made a requisition on the Secy of Treas.y in your favor for $500, which when received I will thank you to acknowledge with the No.s of the Warrant & Draft, and place of payment. If convenient I would be obliged by your a/c reaching me here, a day or so before, or at least on the last day of the Quarter, as after that time, it is necessarily delayed for another Quarter, my Contingent Expenses A/c being forwarded to Washington on the last day of the Quarter or by the next mail succeeding.

I regret to inform you that owing to the very

severe illness of Dr. Gibbon, we have not been able to do much thus far in the operations of the Mint. I have however received Gold Bullion to the amount of between $23.000 & 25.000 all awaiting assay, but which I think may be assayed in the course of 10 days or a fortnight as Dr. Gibbon is rapidly convalescing —

I am very respectfully
Your Ob. Serv.
G W Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

G. W. Caldwell, Esq

Charlotte 10 Oct. 46

Rec'd. 17th.

Mint U. S.

Philad.^a Oct. 12 '46

Sir,

I have the honor to send enclosed the Official Bond of Mr. Emmor Graham as Coiner of the Branch Mint at Charlotte North Carolina; and on the representations made to me by the Hon. Jas. A. Black, and by the Superintendent G. W. Caldwell Esq. I have felt justified in adding the Certificate, required by law, that it is to my satisfaction.

Rmp

To/
Hon R. J. Walker

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Sec. of Treasury

Oct. 12 '46

Treasury Department
October 14th 1846

Sir,

A letter, under date of the 10th inst. received from J. W. Caldwell Esq. Superintendt of the U.S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. requests, that the sum of $500 on account of Contingent Expenses &c of that Branch Mint, may be transmitted to you; which request, will explain the object of a remittance of the sum of $500, which I have this day, directed by Warrant, to be made to you.

Very Respectfully Sir
Your Obt. Servt

R. J. Walker

Secretary of the Treasury

R. M. Patterson Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From Sec. of Treasury.
Oct. 19 / 46.
Rec. 20 th.

Mint U.S. Philad.ᵃ Oct. 21, 1846

Sir,

Your letter of the 10th inst. was duly received.

I have asked the appropriations for 1847-8 according to your Estimates, — not making however a separate item for the night-watch, but including it in the following form. "Incidental & contingent expenses, including fuel, materials, stationery, repairs, wastage of gold, and watching."

In presenting your estimates you do not seem to have taken into view the amount of existing appropriations which you may have available, at the close of the present fiscal year. I presume that there will certainly be such a surplus at your command, and that it will even be considerable. You aware that appropriations are available for two years after the expiration of the calendar year in which the act making them has been passed.ˣ Let me then beg that you will ascertain as nearly as practicable what this balance is likely to be, in the several items of appropriations, and that you report them to me. It is not yet too late to correct & reduce your estimates; and it would certainly be right & desirable to do so if possible. In consequence of the existence of balances of prior years and certain funds accruing, the item of appropriation asked by me for the incidental & contingent expenses of this Mint for 1847-8, is but $250.

I have received this morning from the Treasurer of the United States a draft to my order for five hundred dollars, on "the United States Mint, Philadelphia, No. 4114, on Try Wt No. 6679."

This draft was given in compliance with your requisition, in my favor, of the 10th inst., and the amount is now placed to your credit on my books. — The request which you made as to the time of my presenting your quarterly account is reasonable & will be complied with henceforward. — I regret very much the illness of Dr. Gibbon of which you ~~have~~ informed me in your letter, and I hope that you will keep me informed of his condition & of the progress of operations in your Mint.

— R. M. P. Dy

P.S. — We shipped about ~~[illegible]~~ two weeks ago two barrels of fire clay to your Mint, directed to the care of I. S. Chambers, Charleston S.C.

(ˣ See Mint Pamphlet p. 22)

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G. W. Caldwell, Esq
Charlotte N. C.

21 Oct. 46

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.C. 30 October 1846.

Sir

As to the suggestion contained in your letter of the 21st Inst, relative to the estimates of expenses for this Branch of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1847 & 1848, I beg to remark, that at the time I made the estimates, I was aware that there would be a surplus from the appropriations for rebuilding the Mint and for Machinery, but am under the impression that the law alluded to by you in the Mint Pamphlet, has been repealed so far as regards transfers of appropriations from one object to another, but even if it has not been repealed, there will be considerable expense to be incurred over and above the Contract prices for building, such as putting up fences, putting the Lot in order and many other extras, which I think will come very near consuming the surplus of the Building appropriation but should it not, would it not be as well, that any surplus that may remain from that fund and the surplus from the Machinery should go into the sinking fund, and let the appropriations be made on the estimates submitted.

As to the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, I sent you in the last draft from the Treasury Department, the balance remaining to my credit for the year 1844 & 45. (for 1845 & 1846 no appropriation for Contingent Expenses, or for Pay of Labourers was made) so that I have for the current fiscal year, only the entire of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, and therefore think, that the estimates submitted to you had better remain as they are.

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The sickness of Dr. Gibbon has been a great draw-back upon us, but I am happy to inform you that he has so far recovered as to be able to attend the Mint for the last two days, and make a few assays - I have received nearly $200,000 worth of Bullion during this Month, - and that we have had an opportunity of trying the Machinery, (which I am happy to inform you, with the exception of the draw bench works most excellently,) in having made a Coinage of $12.920.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Rec'd

G. W. Caldwell

Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd No. 4 30 Oct. 46

November 1846

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N. Ca 9th Novem. 1846.

Sir

The Melter & Refiner represents to me his utter inability to proceed with his operations for want of some precipitating Jars, of those (3) that were received shortly after the burning of the Mint, two of them are cracked and unfit for service having been tried.

There is a large quantity of Gold on hand requiring refining, and without doing so, I am afraid we have not a sufficiency of fine Gold to make another set of Ingots, I have therefore to request that you will forward 4 precipitating Jars as early as possible.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Mint. U. S.
Nov. 14 / 46.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 9th inst., and I ~~am~~ regret the trouble ~~that you~~ and interruption that you have sustained from the defect in the precipitating jars. Four of these jars were ordered, for your Mint, on the 8th of September, but it is impossible to say when they will be ready, as the Manufacturer is not to be ~~implicitly~~ confidently relied upon. In the mean while let me recommend that you use tubs of cedar or pine, payed inside with pitch, or even without this precaution.

R.M.P.

Dr

To /

G. W. Caldwell, Esq.

P.S.

G. W. Caldwell, Sup.
Charlotte N.C.

14 Nov. 46

Mint U. S.
Nov. 17/46.

Sir,

~~I have~~ I have not yet received the report of your operations for October, and ~~am~~, in consequence, my monthly report to the Department is delayed.

We send, by this mail, a pair of half-eagle dies; and will send, on the succeeding days, two more pairs of the same kind, and three pairs of quarter-eagle dies, which will complete the series prepared for you, for 1847.

In making up the report of defacement of rejected dies, at the close of the present years please to let it extend back to the end of the year 1843, ~~where~~ to which time your ~~your~~ last report was made.

R M P.

To/
G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt Br Mt.
Charlotte, N. C.

To,

G. A. Caldwell, Supt

Charlotte N.C.

17 Nov. '46

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte No. Ca. during the W

	Gross weight Ozs.	Decs	Stand. Weight Ozs	decs	Value Dolls.	cts	Value after deductions Dolls.	cts
Bars & Amalgam	5.	07	5.	142	95.	67	95.	67
Bars	16.	42	15.	447	287.	36	287.	36
Amalgam	15.	38	16.	147	300.	41	300.	41
Bars & Amalgam	1.359.	26	1.255.	869	23.364.	99	23.284.	31.
Amalgam	30.	15	29.	524	549.	29	549.	29
Bar	15.	77	15.	594	290.	12	290.	12
Bars	64.	87	57.	372.	1.067.	39	1.057.	04
Bars & Amalgam	57.	06	57.	765	1.074.	70	1.074.	70
Amalgam	21.	66	19.	757	367.	57	367.	57
Bar	11.	19	11.	398	212.	06	212.	06
Do.	9.	30	8.	668	161.	27	161.	27
Do.	32.	80	33.	200	617.	67.	617.	67
Amalgam	6.	87	7.	265	135.	16.	135.	16
Do.	33.	31.	34.	409	640.	16.	640.	16
Do.	6.	88	6.	710	124.	84	124.	84
Bar	6.	22	6.	343.	118.	01	118.	01
Do.	74.	10	67.	677	1.259.	11	1.259.	11
Do.	61.	77	49.	415	919.	35	909.	72
Do.	11.	62	11.	554.	214.	96	214.	96
Do.	23.	96	22.	227	413.	52.	413.	52
Amalgam	18.	69	19.	145.	356.	16.	356.	16.
Bars	10.	15.	9.	743.	181.	26	181.	26
Bars & Amalgam	21.	55.	22.	650	421.	40.	421.	40
Do.	21.	26	21.	988	409.	08	409.	08
Bars	8.	67	7.	358	136	89	136	89
Do.	7.	84	6.	688	124.	43.	124.	43.
Amalgam	6.	20	5.	627	104.	69	104.	69
Do.	5.	90	6.	240	116.	10	116.	10
Do.	28.	18	28.	678	533.	54	533.	54
Bar	12.	73.	11.	158	207.	59	207.	59
Do.	8.	89	7.	376	137.	23	137.	23

Half Eagles

Bars & Amalgam		5. 07	5. 142	95. 67	95. 67	
Bars		16. 42	15. 447	287. 36	287. 36	Half Eagles
Amalgam		15. 38	16. 147	300. 41	300. 41	
Bars & Amalgam		1.359. 26	1.255. 869	23.364. 99	23.284. 31.	
Amalgam		30. 15	29. 524	549. 29	549. 29	
Bar		15. 77	15. 594	290 12	290. 12	
Bars		64. 87	57. 372.	1.067. 39	1.057. 04	
Bars & Amalgam		57. 66	57. 765	1.074. 70	1.074. 70	
Amalgam		21. 66	19. 757	367. 57	367. 57	
Bar		11. 19	11. 398	212. 06	212. 06	
Do.		9. 30	8. 668	161. 27	161. 27	
Do.		32. 80	33. 200	617. 67	617. 67	
Amalgam		6. 87	7. 265	135. 16	135. 16	
Do.		33. 31.	34. 409	640. 16.	640. 16	
Do.		6. 88	6. 710	124. 84	124. 84	
Bar		6. 22	6. 343.	118. 01	118. 01	
Do.		74. 10	67. 677	1.259. 11	1.259. 11	
Do.		61. 77	49. 415	919. 35	909. 72	
Do.		11. 62	11. 554	214. 96	214. 96	
Do.		23. 96	22. 227	413. 52.	413. 52	
Amalgam		18. 69	19. 145.	356. 16.	356. 16.	
Bars		10. 15.	9. 743.	181. 26	181. 26	
Bars & Amalgam		21. 55.	22. 650	421. 40	421. 40	
Do.		21. 26	21. 988	409. 08	409. 08	
Bars		8. 67	7. 358	136 89	136 89	
Do.		7. 84	6. 688	124 43.	124. 43.	
Amalgam		6. 20	5. 627	104 69	104. 69	
Do.		5. 90	6 240	116 10	116 10	
Do.		28. 18	28. 678	533. 54	533. 54	
Bar		12. 73.	11. 158	207. 59	207. 59	
Do.		8. 89	7. 376	137. 23	137. 23	
Do.		38. 34	41. 661	775. 09	775. 09	
Do.		29. 63.	25. 711.	478. 34	478. 34	
Do.		12. 16	11. 738.	218. 38	218. 38	
Do.		6 06	5. 911	109. 97	109. 97	
Amalgam	weight before melting	1.484 14.				
Bar		16. 60.	16. 675	310. 23.	310. 23.	
Bars		6.334. 64.				
Do.		13. 47	13. 857	257. 80	257. 80	
Do.		43. 51	45. 139	839. 80	839. 80	
Do.		15. 62	14. 774.	274. 87	274. 87	
Amalgam		7. 75.	8. 015.	149. 12.	149. 12	
		10.015 04.	2.061. 615.	38.355. 58.	38.254. 92	

...d Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the Months of October 1846.

Gross weight Ozs.	Dwts	Standard Weight Ozs	dwts	Value Dolls.	cts	Value after deductions Dolls.	cts
5.	07	5.	142	95.	67	95.	67
16.	42	15.	447	287.	36	287.	36
15.	38	16.	147	300.	41	300.	41
1.359.	26	1.255.	869	23.364.	99	23.284.	31
30.	15	29.	524	549.	29	549.	29
15.	77	15.	594	290.	12	290.	12
64.	87	57.	372	1.067.	39	1.057.	04
57.	06	57.	765	1.074.	70	1.074.	70
21.	66	19.	757	367.	57	367.	57
11.	19	11.	398	212.	06	212.	06
9.	30	8.	668	161.	27	161.	27
32.	80	33.	200	617.	67	617.	67
6.	87	7.	265	135.	16	135.	16
33.	31	34.	409	640.	16	640.	16
6.	88	6.	710	124.	84	124.	84
6.	22	6.	343	118.	01	118.	01
74.	10	67.	677	1.259.	11	1.259.	11
61.	77	49.	415	919.	35	909.	72
11.	62	11.	554	214.	96	214.	96
23.	96	22.	227	413.	52	413.	52
18.	69	19.	145	356.	16	356.	16
10.	15	9.	743	181.	26	181.	26
21.	55	22.	650	421.	40	421.	40
21.	26	21.	988	409.	08	409.	08
8.	67	7.	358	136.	89	136.	89
7.	84	6.	688	124.	43	124.	43
6.	20	5.	627	104.	69	104.	69

	½ Eagles	¼ Eagles	Dolls.	cts
Half Eagles	2.584		12.920.	

21.	66	19.	757	367. 57	367. 57
11.	19	11.	398	212. 06	212. 06
9.	30	8.	668	161. 27	161. 27
32.	80	33.	200	617. 67	617. 67
6.	87	7.	265	135. 16	135. 16
33.	31.	34.	409	640. 16.	640. 16
6.	88	6.	710	124. 84	124. 84
6.	22	6.	343.	118. 01	118. 01
74.	10	67.	677	1.259. 11	1.259. 11
61.	77	49.	415	919. 35	909. 72
11.	62	11.	554.	214. 96	214. 96
23.	96	22.	227	413. 52.	413. 52
18.	69	19.	145.	356. 16.	356. 16.
10.	15.	9.	743.	181. 26.	181. 26
21.	55.	22.	650	421. 40.	421. 40
21.	26	21.	988	409. 08	409. 08
8.	67	7.	358	136 89	136 89
7.	84	6.	688	124. 43.	124. 43.
6.	20	5.	627	104 69	104 69
5.	90	6.	240	116 10	116 10
28.	18	28.	678	533. 54	533. 54
12.	73.	11.	158	207. 59	207. 59
8.	89	7.	376	137. 23	137. 23
38.	34	41.	661	775. 09	775. 09
29.	63.	25.	711.	478. 34	478. 34
12.	16	11.	738.	218. 38	218. 38
6	06	5.	911	109. 97	109. 97
1.484	14.				
16.	60.	16.	675	310. 23.	310. 23.
6.334	64.				
13.	47	13.	857	257. 80	257. 80
43.	51	45.	139	839. 80	839. 80
15.	62	14.	774.	274. 87	274. 87
7.	75.	8.	015.	149. 12.	149. 12
10015	04	2.061	615	38.355. 58.	38.254 92

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Statement of Deposites &
Coinage at Charlotte N.C.
October 1846

Enclosure Recd. Dec. 1, 1846.

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 25 Novm.r 1846.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose you a Statement of the amount of Bullion received and Coinage executed at this Branch of the Mint for the Month of October last.

The sickness of Dr. Gibbon has been a great draw back to the operations of the Mint, I have been waiting from day to day in expectation of his being able to assay, but as you will perceive I have been compelled to forward my Report with the largest portion without assay — and who is still so weak that it is hard to say when he will be able to get fairly to work, but as soon as made I will forward them.

I acknowledge the receipt of 3 boxes containing Dies numbered 1. 2 & 3.

I am very respectfully
Your Ob.t Serv.t
G.W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From /
G. W. Caldwell, Supt
Charlotte N.C.

Rec'd. Dec. 1 Nov. 25 '46

Dec
1846

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office.
December 8th 1846.

Sir,

Your accounts of Expenditures for the Machinery of the Branch Mint at Charlotte have been adjusted and closed on the books of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

M. W. Butler
Comptroller.

Dr: R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

From,

J. W. Mc Culloh

Comptroller of the Treas'y

Washington

Rec'd 9th 8th Dec. 1846

Statement of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at the U. States Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C.a during the month of November 1846.

	Gross Weight Oz	dwts	Stan.d Weight Oz	dwts	Value before Deductions		Value after Deductions	
Bar	16	25	15.	617	290.	55	290.	39
Do.	55.	19	56.	598	1.052.	98	1.052.	98
Amalgam	11.	52	10.	905	202.	88	202.	88
Do	12.	50	11.	652	216.	78	216.	78
Bars	14.	25	13.	938	259.	31	259.	31
Do.	117.	13	103.	855	1.932.	18	1.917.	74
Amalgam	8.	18	8.	661	161.	13	161.	13
Bars	35.	55	37.	041.	689.	14	689.	14
Do.	10.	48	10.	583	196.	90	196.	90
Do.	23.	09	22.	036	409.	97	409.	97
Amalgam	12.	69	13.	106	243.	83	243.	83
Do.	12.	51						
Bars	9.	40	8.	992	167.	29	167.	29
Amalgam	5.	70						
Do	25.	55						
	369.	99	312.	984.	5.822.	94.	5.808.	34.

	¼ Eagles	½ Eagles	Dollars	cents
Half Eagles		1.959.	9.795.	
		1.959.	9.795.	

U. States Branch Mint
Charlotte N.Ca 9.th December 1846.

Sir

I have the honor of inclosing my Report of the Amount of Gold Bullion received and Gold Coinage executed at this Branch of the Mint for the Month of November last.

The state of the Assayers health is such, that it is with difficulty he can make the assays for individual Depositors, as you will perceive that three deposits are still unassayed.

I am still unable to complete my Report for the month of October, and am afraid, I shall not be able to make my Quarterly Returns at the end of the year. The two deposites reported as unassayed in that statement were made by two Banks — the larger one consisting of 76 assays — 30 of which have been made — the other consisting of 31 assays none of which have been made as I preferred having the deposites of individuals, who were less able to wait for their money, made at the times the Assayer felt himself able to assay, which has been but seldom and at long intervals.

The 4.th Section of the Mint Act, I see provides for such a case as exists at present in this Mint — it authorises "the Director of the Mint with the consent of the Officer to appoint some person attached to the Mint to act in place of such Officer during his absence", I therefore suggest that you appoint some person attached to this Mint to act in Dr. Gibbons place during

his sickness, and that if he refuses to give his consent, that so much of the law as requires the consent of the Officer be repealed, in order that the usefulness of this Establishment may be preserved.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Sert
G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

Dr. R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From

G. W. Caldwell, Sup

Charlotte

Rec'd 14th 9 Dec. 1846

Mint U.S.
Dec. 4, 1846.

Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 1st inst., and am distressed to learn that the sickness of the Assayer continues to be such as to interrupt so seriously the performance of his very important duties.

As a temporary remedy for this evil, you call my attention to a provision in the 20th Sect. of the Mint Act, which authorizes "the Director of the Mint, with the consent of the officer, to appoint some person attached to the Mint, to act in place of such officer during his absence;" and you suggest that I should appoint such a person.

In reply to this suggestion, I have, in the first place, to refer you to the 5th section of the Branch Mint Act of March 3d, 1835, which enacts, "That all the laws, and parts of laws, made for the regulation of the Mint of the United States, and for the government of the officers and persons employed therein, ... shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, in full force, in relation to each of the Branches of the Mint, by this act established, so far as the same shall be applicable thereto."

In the enactment of this enactment, the Superintendent of a Branch Mint, occupies the place

of the Director of this Mint, and accordingly the temporary appointment of an individual to fill Dr. Gibbons place, during his illness, is devolved upon you, not me.

But a more important view of the case is that which regards the selection of a person the Assayer ad interim. Is there any man attached to your Mint who is competent to fill this place. You have named no one; nor does it seem to me at all probable that there can be found a one, unless perchance it may be Mr. Torres. If he has had practice in the art, he would be, I presume, in all respects, a proper person to select.

As to the consent required of the principal officer, I do not think that it ought to be dispensed with; nor can I suppose it possible that it would be withheld without any sufficient reason. The provision which authorizes a substitute, in the case of necessary absence, is decidedly a benefit to the officer. If he should wilfully refuse his consent to the appointment of a suitable person, the remedy rests with the President.

I beg you to keep me informed as to every thing relating to this important subject.

(Confidential)

R. M. P.

Dr. G. W. Caldwell, Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
Charlotte, N. C.

P.S. Since your resumption of operations, I have not received any remittance of Coins reserved for the annual assay. Let me now ask that you send them by mail, directed to me.

I send ~~you~~ enclosed my account with you for the months of October & November, ~~In future preparatory to a change in the quarters from January to December~~ and in compliance with a suggestion ~~of yours~~ made by you in a former letter, the future accounts will be ~~so~~ quarterly, commencing on the first of December.

To,

G. W. Caldwell, Esq

Charlestown

14 Dec: 1846